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Woman drove with book on steering wheel

A FORMER teaching assistant drove through a school crossing on four occasions while balancing a book on the steering wheel, missing a lollipop lady by inches, a court heard.

Meena Dhanda

Meena Dhanda, aged 28, was seen failing to stop at the crossing outside Mount Pleasant Primary School in Brierley Hill four times in the space of nine days, Dudley Magistrates Court was told.

She even stopped to make an obscene gesture to lollipop lady Angela Hale after driving past at about 20mph.

The court heard there were at least four cases in which Miss Hale stepped out into the centre of the road but was forced to jump out of the way of Dhanda's Peugeot 206.

Dhanda, of The Croftway, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham, was first spotted on March 23 at about 3.15pm when she failed to stop despite Miss Hale holding up her sign.

"She was seen to be resting a book on top of the steering wheel," Mr Roger Bleazard, prosecuting, said.

Reading

The following day, Miss Hale had again walked into the road and traffic heading towards Quarry Bank had stopped – but Dhanda carried on at about 25mph while reading, he said.

"She missed Miss Hale by about six inches and there were about 10 young children with their parents at the roadside," Mr Bleazard added.

Seven days later she was again spotted reading a book while driving. Then on April 1, Dhanda had stopped in a queue of traffic and was seen putting a book on the steering wheel and driving off, despite Miss Hale still standing on the carriageway. She stopped a few yards down the road and stuck a finger up at the lollipop lady, Mr Bleazard said.

In interview with police, Dhanda said she often read while stuck in traffic. The rude gesture was "a mistake" borne out of paranoia from previous racist abuse she had received.

District Judge Michael Wheeler told her: "You have shown scant disregard for people's safety."

Dhanda pleaded guilty to four charges of failing to stop for a person at a school crossing patrol. She was disqualified from driving for six months, fined £240 plus £60 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Firms sign up to text theft alerts

A NEW initiative that will see businesses sent text messages to warn them of thieves in the area has been launched in Dudley – attracting more than 80 firms.

Companies across Halesowen, Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood have signed up to a new project called Business Watch after becoming worried about thefts from their premises.

They will look out for any suspicious behaviour on neighbouring sites and will also be in regular contact with the police to ensure they are informed of any thefts from the area.

Officers will use a voice connect link system to allow them to get instantly in contact with business bosses via text or answerphone message to let them know about any vital information.

The scheme is similar to another which runs in pubs to protect them from rowdy revellers.

Sad farewell as market gets chop

The former butchers' stalls at Spencers Market in Dudley

TRADERS have bid an emotional farewell as a long-running indoor market hall closed its doors for the final time.

The 30 stallholders at Spencers Market in Dudley High Street were left reeling last month when they were told the centre would shut. Many were still trying to sell off the last of their goods at a cut price in the final hours of business on Saturday.

The closure was blamed on a rise in rents by market manager Phil Clarke, along with plummeting trade. But Bal Nagra, aged 60, is shutting down his B&G Casual clothes firm as he has nowhere else to go.

Mr Nagra, a father-of-three from Penn Fields, Wolverhampton who has been at the market for 15 years, said: "We are just closing down as I've had to sell my van to help one of my kids get a car, and I've got no money left to set up anywhere else."

Mazhar Hussain, aged 45, is taking his Electro World stall to New Market Hall in West Bromwich.

Mr Hussain, of Tividale, said: "It's really sad and a lot of customers have been saying what a shame it is. We are just trying to make the best of a really bad situation."

Midlands Tools, run by Manir Nawaz, will re-open in Plaza Malls across the High Street, while Socks and Tights is moving to the Fountain Arcade in Stone Street.

Shocked

Shopper Margaret Lawrence, of the Sledmere Estate, Dudley, had turned up with her granddaughter Amy, 19, for their regular cup of tea at Brambles Cafe – but were shocked to find it had already closed.

Mrs Lawrence, a retired power press worker, said: "I've been coming to the market since it opened so I'm really sad to see it go."

Baseball bats and machetes used to force victims to pay up

VIOLENT LEGACY OF LOAN SHARKS

LOAN sharks are turning to increasingly violent methods to force victims to pay up, West Midlands police are warning.

Kidnap, violence and intimidation are among tactics used by illegal money lenders to fleece their victims of what often amounts to tens of thousands of pounds more than originally borrowed.

Baseball bats and machetes are among the weapons seized by the National Illegal Money Lending team, based in Digbeth, Birmingham, in recent months.

The head of the team, Tony Quigley, warned: "Some of these people are formidable – they have reputations in the community where they operate and so people won't necessarily report them readily.

"It's a real power-based relationship. The loan shark can keep raising the amount the person owes to incredible amounts and there's nothing the victim can do except pay them, or report them.

Challenges

It can be extremely lucrative – one case we were involved with in Cheshire was against an illegal money lender who had made £4 million in just a few years, owned a country house and had all the trappings of being wealthy."

The National Illegal Money Lending team consists of 55 staff, including investigators, police officers and community liaison officers, all based in Birmingham.

The project, which has a budget of £5.2m for 2011, has managed to get £37m worth of illegal debt written off across the UK since it launched

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in 2004 – and last year, it reclaimed £163,000 for victims in the West Midlands. But Mr Quigley said the team faced many challenges when bringing loan sharks to justice.

He said: "One of the main problems we face is that people don't discuss their finances – to come to us they have to admit not only that they borrowed from an illegal lender, which can make them feel foolish, but that they had trouble getting credit in the first place.

"Loan sharks are often also very prominent in the community, and will treat a lot of people very well indeed. That means there is a network of people who think they are wonderful and generous, and only a minority who have been treated badly.

Pressure

"This can make the social pressure not to report them very strong."

"Another problem is the threat of violence hanging over the heads of those who do not or cannot pay up or who report their criminal activities.

"Our first priority has to be the protection of the victim. Loan sharks are very nasty, both in the way they operate and in getting their money back," he said. "Victims are often too intimidated to stand up against their lender – and if they are the only witness, it can leave them open to risk."

He said while the recession has meant more people finding themselves in difficult financial positions, and so turning to illegal lenders, the problem was not restricted to any particular area. In the Black Country, Sarah-Jane Dixon,

Cash books and baseball bats and machetes were among the items seized

aged 34, of Cannock Road, Wednesfield, is due to stand trial in September after denying blackmail and possessing criminal property. She admitted to running an illegal money lending business from her home over a seven-year period.

In October 2008, Howard Johnson, 40, of Walsall was jailed for three years after pleading guilty to loan shark activity. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard at the time that Johnson had been loaning money to an unnamed victim for more than 10 years. In one case, he had increased the £800 loaned to £5,600 in just 12 months.

When the victim told him he was having trouble finding the cash, Johnson threatened to kill him in front of his children.

One of the worst cases the team has dealt with, Mr Quigley said, was that of a man from Suffolk. He had borrowed £250 from a loan shark, but over the next 20 years was forced to shell out an estimated £90,000. He worked three jobs and suffered a heart attack and a mental breakdown before the illegal lender was brought to justice.

Mr Quigley said the team was now reaching out to people in the Black Country, who may not be aware that the team was there to help.

● Anyone who is dealing with a suspected loan shark is urged to call the team on 0300 555 2222 for advice.

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Reunion plan to help mark school's 60th anniversary

Pupils at Kinver Secondary Modern in June 1952, with then headboy Mr Thomas on the front row, also inset

Reunion for David Thomas, 74

One of the first students to attend a Kinver school when it opened 60 years ago is now trying to get in touch with fellow ex-pupils to stage a reunion.

David Thomas, of Wordsley, is eager to hear from anyone who attended Kinver Secondary Modern, now Edgecliff High School, in 1951, and hopes enough people will come forward for the event to be held. Mr Thomas, now aged 74 and a grandfather, attended the school until 1952. He said: "I have some enduring memories of my time at the school. It was so different to all of the other schools which had been in the village before," he said.

Metal

"Different age groups would have their lessons in different classrooms and there were classes for subjects like metal and woodworking." Mr Taylor, who worked at the Samuel Taylor engineering firm, in Brettell Lane, Stourbridge, after leaving school, said he thought it would be nice to catch up with people who attended the school during its first year. "Like myself many of them would be in their 70s now and I thought it would be good to stage a reunion especially as the school is celebrating its anniversary.

"I would ask anyone who was at the school during the year of 1951 to get in touch."

Anyone interested can contact Mr Taylor on 01384 278107.

Residents call for action at busy junction

A petition with more than 600 names is calling for safety measures at a busy Blackheath junction. People say they are running the gauntlet as they try to cross the road.

The area they are worried about is from Evergreen Pharmacy to the doctors' surgery on Gorsty Hill at its junction with Lodgefield Road and Station Road. Hundreds of residents have said they are terrified to cross with cars coming from so many junctions. Blackheath Ward Councillor Mary Docker has reported the issue to Sandwell Council.

But she says bosses have so far refused to take action because there have been few accidents at the junction.

Councillor Docker said: "This has been a very dangerous junction for years and many people are old and are finding it hard to cross from the doctor to the pharmacy.

"There's a heavy flow of traffic and people are running the gauntlet trying to cross. People are fearful for their safety and it needs to be looked at urgently.

Concussion

"I've handed in a petition with more than 600 signatures and I'm waiting for a response and a site visit to see what can be done."

Janet Everton, of Lodgefield Road, said her daughter Joy, aged 11, was knocked down on the road and was left with a fractured leg and concussion.

Mrs Everton said: "I'm not just looking at this as the mother of a child who's been injured.

"It's a very busy road between Blackheath and Halesowen with very heavy traffic.

"It's very dangerous and experts need to come and look at it.

"We don't want to wait for statistics to say people have been injured or worse before someone comes to take a look at it."

Councillor Derek Rowley, the borough's neighbourhood services chief, said: "The road is right on the Sandwell and Dudley border. Councillor Docker has presented a petition to me and I have asked officers to investigate it to see what action we can take."

Bypass plan key for future of town

Multi-million pound plans for a bypass to cut traffic clogging up Stourbridge town centre will play a "key" role in the long-term vision for the area, council leaders said today.

Council leader Les Jones said he wants to get rid of the "concrete collar" effect the ring road has on the town, and believes a bypass is an "absolute necessity". The alternative – a £100 million-plus plan to dig up the ring road completely – has been dismissed by councillors, who suggested that the expense would far outweigh the benefits.

"There has been a lot of discussion over the future of the ring road," he said.

"People use it on the way to the Merry Hill Shopping Centre, Wolverhampton, and Dudley and it gets very snarled up. It also constricts expansion of the town centre. A bypass is a viable, reasonable solution.

"In the long-term, it's an absolute necessity to take the pressure off the town centre and A491."

One possibility, he said, would be to carry out work on the A449, which runs from Kidderminster to Staffordshire skirting the edges of Stourbridge, with smaller link roads connected to areas around the town and leading to the Merry Hill centre.

Patient left lying in soiled sheets claim

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A vulnerable pensioner was left sitting in filthy conditions by nurses at a Dudley hospital, it has been claimed. The family of 71-year-old Glenys Hampson has hit out at the standard of care at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital following a series of failures there.

Glenys Hampson

Bosses at the hospital trust have said they were sorry if standards fell short, and have launched an investigation. Mrs Hampson, of Stourbridge, was admitted to hospital with a brain injury after collapsing on a bus at the start of June.

Her family claims she was left "distressed, dishevelled and lacking in dignity".

Treatment

In the worst incident her son Andrew Swain, from Quinton, Birmingham, says he found his mother lying in her own soiled sheets. He said her treatment has improved significantly since making the complaint, but he felt problems with her care should be highlighted.

He said: "The stench was appalling, the loss of dignity and humiliation beyond belief."

Mrs Hampson also suffered a fall in the hospital when she tried to get out of bed but her family were not informed until the next day as the hospital had lost the emergency contact number.

The family has also criticised the failure of nurses or consultants on ward B3 to spot a deterioration in Mrs Hampson's condition. They are angry a second CT scan was only carried out after they complained.

She was then rushed to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham for emergency surgery due to bleeding in the brain. A consultant at the QE later told the family a further delay could have proved fatal.

Mr Swain said: "I was disgusted and shocked by the way she was treated."

He emailed his complaint to the chief executive of the hospital Paula Clark.

She said: "We are sorry if on this occasion our standards fell short of those we aim to provide."

Price cuts are just the ticket

Ticket prices at the Severn Valley Railway are being cut over the summer holidays by almost 20 per cent in a bid to attract more visitors, it has been announced.

The adult return fare for the 32-mile steam-hauled return trip between Kidderminster and Bridgnorth stations, normally £16, has been brought down to £12.80, and children's tickets for those between the ages of four and 15 are being cut from £8 to for £6.95. Children under four travel free.

The reductions are being made against the background of a much-improved start to the year for the popular heritage line.

Up to the end of June, the railway had carried 70,700 passengers, more than 4,000 more than expected.

Passenger services manager David Mee said: "The school summer holiday period has always been an important time for us, and while nobody is using the word recession very much at the moment, there's no doubt that spending money is still very tight for families everywhere just now.

"The price cuts are a very deliberate incentive and stimulus to attract visitors to the railway during the holiday period."

A family ticket, for two adults and up to four children, which costs £43 can now be bought for £37.95. The reduced-price tickets are available until September 4.

Volunteers are needed

A charity in Dudley, which helps people making phone calls and writing letters, is on the lookout for more volunteer help.

Dudley Advocacy's Voluntary Project recruits, trains and supports helpers to act as advocates for vulnerable people right across the borough.

Contact Karen Jones on the number 01384 456877 or email davolunteer@yahoo.co.uk if you can help.

Clean-up delay for Teddy Grays

An historic Dudley sweet shop is to remain closed for at least three weeks for a clean-up following a severe fire which gutted a neighbouring store.

Bosses at Teddy Grays had hoped to be open again by this week but said work to repair smoke damage to the building would take longer than originally thought. The store is directly next to a Gamestation store which was destroyed by a severe blaze nearly a fortnight ago.

Although firefighters were able to stop flames from spreading to the sweet shop it suffered smoke-damage and needed an extensive clean-up and repainting.

The clean-up work, which has already started, is expected to take the best part of a month to complete with the shop set to re-open in around three weeks time.

Spokesman Debbie Guest said: "We had hoped to have the store trading again this week but it is going to take longer to carry out work at the store than we first expected.

"It has all come as a shock to be honest. Because we only suffered smoke damage it was hoped we would only be closed for a short time.

"However that has turned out not to be the case. We are really looking forward to trading again but there is a lot to be done beforehand."

Nearby stores and the Churchill Shopping Precinct was forced to close when the fire broke out at the Gamestation store.

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Theft cost castings firm up to £10,000

Metal castings worth up to £10,000 have been stolen from a Lye firm – the fourth attack at the company within as many weeks.

Thieves broke into the Vanguard Foundry in Lye, getting in through a window before stealing 150 castings.

Bosses at the company say it is the fourth time they have been targeted by thieves or vandals in the past four weeks and are now stepping up security to stop it happening again.

John Willetts, joint managing director at the Bott Lane firm, said the company was currently installing a complete new camera system to deter thieves.

He said: "If anyone is offered these castings for sale we would urge them to go to the police. We are going to have to disappoint a customer and have to remake the parts at a time when we are quite busy."

Appealed

Sgt Steve Gordon, based at Stourbridge police station, appealed for information about the theft.

He said: "I am sure the metal has been stolen to be sold on to scrap metal dealers, so I would ask scrap dealers not to accept these castings and instead contact the police with information.

"We are keen to catch these offenders and officers will be patrolling the area and visiting scrapyards to gather intelligence."

The theft happened between 10pm and 11.30pm on July 18.

It comes after figures showed metal thieves have struck almost 400 times across the Dudley borough in just three months with businesses, homes and churches all targeted by raiders looking to cash in on the rising price of scrap metal.

West Midlands Police have investigated around 392 metal thefts in the borough between March 30 and June 21 this year.

Warning for all town shoppers

Shoppers are being warned to be on their guard following a string of purse thefts in Kidderminster town centre.

One thief struck earlier this month and was caught on CCTV in the B&M shop in the Swan Centre. Two women were shopping in the store at around 10.30am on July 6 when a man tried to take her purse. The man is described as white, in his late 20s. Anyone with information is asked to call 0300 333 3000 quoting 0435-S-060711.

Motech Garages

Sharon Brown, manager of Motech Garages, with mechanic Luke Woodhouse, and MoT tester Tony Waters

Motech Garages was one of the first businesses to move on to the Delph Industrial Estate when it opened in 1981. And it still stands right next to the famous Chieftain tank at the entrance.

At first there were just three partners involved in the business, which offers servicing, repairs and MoTs – and now seven people work there.

Now under new management, the garage is going from strength to strength, dealing with up to 30 customers as day. Manager Sharon Brown said: "Recession? We haven't noticed it.

"Everybody can see us here – we're on a busy road and people coming to the companies around us spot us and pop in for an MoT. And people still need their cars serviced. I can see us employing possibly another two mechanics in the near future."

Sharon added: "We've made the premises female friendly, with a lovely reception area, which women like."

Frankley Packaging

A £2m turover for 'Cardboard millionaire' Glenn Grove and his son James at the Frankley Packaging Co Ltd

Glenn Grove is the "cardboard millionaire" of the Delph Industrial Estate – so named after his packaging business recently clocked up a £2m annual turnover.

He was one of the first businesses to move on to the estate 29 years ago after chatting to Tony Whittaker about how he was working, with his wife, Judith, from his home in Halesowen but needed more space. The conversation took place in The Stores – now called the Tenth Lock – in Delph Road, which was run by Tony's parents. Glenn's company, Frankley Packaging Co Ltd, stockists and distributors of cardboard, started with one unit on the site and now has three, employing a total of 14 staff. His son James is a director of the company.

"In the first year here we increased our turnover from £60,000 to £175,000 and within 15 years we hit £1m," said Glenn, 58, who still lives in the four-bedroom house in Hagley Road, where he first started his business. "The location here is accessible."

Canalside Tackle

Rob Cockburn, who moved from a market stall to the estate, where he has now doubled his turnover

Rob Cockburn started his fishing tackle business with his stepfather on a market stall – but 16 years ago took the plunge to move into a unit at the Delph, backing on to the Dudley No 1 Canal.

And Rob, aged 39, owner of Canalside Tackle Ltd, who was brought up in the Delph area, hasn't looked back since. The wholesale and retail business now employs four people, including his partner, Amanda Totney – and within the first year of moving to the estate annual turnover had doubled. It continues to grow every year.

He recently became big enough to be picked by leading manufacturer Preston Innovations to stock their products.

"Tony Whittaker is a top bloke and when we moved here he sent a van round full of loo rolls, a mop and cleaning products," said Rob, who now lives at Arley, near Kidderminster. I said I hadn't ordered it but he told me it was my welcome pack – we're still using the mop now."

One-way system could be scrapped

A controversial one-way system which sparked hundreds of complaints could be scrapped if there is enough public opposition, it has been revealed.

Locals have campaigned for nine months against the system in Parkway Road, Dudley, claiming it causes hold-ups in the area and makes their lives "hell".

They collected a 400-name petition and complained to Government watchdog the Local Government Ombudsman. But now Dudley Council has revealed it will hold a consultation on the system. People will be able to submit their views and say whether they think the road should be made two-way again.

Highways chiefs say they are willing to "make amendments" and could scrap the scheme altogether.

Discuss

The council's traffic manager Peter Vangeersdaele said: "Councillors and officers recently met on the site to discuss the issues relating to Parkway Road and now they will discuss possible courses of action with officers.

"We are always happy to listen to residents' concerns and we will take them into account when we take action."

Bill Chambers, aged 75, who lives in nearby Fullbrook Road, said: "I am glad it seems they are starting to listen to us but we will not give up. People are so angry about this, and what really annoyed us originally was the lack of consultation – the signs just went up with no warning."

He claims emergency vehicles struggle to get through the heavy traffic at peak times. Mr Chambers has written to the ombudsman claiming the views of residents were not taken into account before the road was made one-way.

Queues stretch along Grange Road, which joins with Parkway Road and runs from busy Salop Street.

Tony's vision to rebuild industry brick by brick

When Tony Whittaker started developing a Midland industrial estate 31 years ago he vowed that it would eventually replace the 111 jobs axed after a local brick company collapsed.

And the businessman also promised to bring back 60 more lost with the closure of the gasworks where his development would stand.

The estate, in Delph Road, Brierley Hill, now has 41 units, employing an estimated 320 – almost twice the number put on the dole at P J and J Pearson brick and the gas operations put together.

It is an oasis in the middle of the doom and gloom of recession – with many of the firms expanding and taking on extra staff.

Tony, then an 18-year-old apprentice brickmaker, had been one of those 111 who lost their jobs at P J and J Pearson, more than 40 years ago.

Tony Whittaker, who started as an apprentice brickmaker and is now a multi-millionaire

Success

Now he is a multi-millionaire, living in a £1.2 million house with a swimming pool in Wall Heath – but he is still very hands-on with his various businesses and turns up for work every day.

"The secret of our success is that I spake the same as everyone else here – and that's Black Country," said Tony, aged 60.

"We're all typically Black Country – in the middle of a recession, we're having a go." He says there are at least three other millionaires on the estate, which is famous throughout the country because of the old Chieftain tank that stands at the entrance, erected in memory of a friend who had left him his war medals.

Even Julian Graves started his fruit and nut business there before moving out as he developed his multi-million pound operation.

Among the companies thriving at the Delph is Homeserve Furniture Repairs Ltd, which is taking on 14 more workers after quadrupling the size of its workshop on the estate.

Turnover at the firm increased by 35 per cent last year and managing director James Lane predicts it will grow by a further 47 per cent this year.

Homeserve, which currently employs 46 people, has invested up to £25,000 in new machinery and is transferring from a 2,000 sq ft workshop to an 8,000 sq ft unit on the estate, while still keeping on its existing office there. Tony himself is a big employer, with 21 currently working for him in his various businesses, Midland Fabric and Bar, Anthony Whittaker building and civil engineers, Unit 67 Ltd, Unit 67 Developments and Unit 67 Management.

And he hopes to take on another 35 in the next 18 months to work on various projects, including a £300,000 contract to build new tank bases and walls at Callow Oils in Stourport. He recalls how he picked himself up and dusted himself down after the demise of the brickworks, getting a job at a building and civil engineering company, where he did a job at the old Round Oak Steelworks.

He saw a JCB and decided he wanted to have a go at riding it. And that set him on the trail of becoming a builder, working as a JCB driver and then getting a loan from the former National Provincial Bank to buy the machine he was operating for £800. "In no time at all I had three JCBs," he said.

He began building factories and, after a chat with Brierley Hill Councillor Bill Homer, who asked him if there was anything he could do to boost jobs in the area following the closure of Round Oak and meat company Marsh and Baxter, he decided to build the Delph Industrial Estate. He started with 12 units, interviewing every potential new occupant personally, and usually in a local pub.

Progression

His parents, Roland and Emily, ran The Stores pub – now called the Tenth Lock – in the Delph and he decided to also build a new pub for his dad. That was the nearby Nine Locks and Chainmakers and, although sadly his father died before he could move in there, it became the first "million pound pub" – the amount that the site was eventually sold for.

Along the way in his progression from brickmaker to multi-millionaire, he also built the first doctor's surgery on Withymoor Village, Brierley Hill.

His secret to beating recession is: "Ride it – don't fight it."

He added: "You don't buy a Rolls-Royce in the middle of a recession, you don't have expensive lunches or holidays and you work hard.

"After the recession you can come out to play again."

Ladies night of real beauty

A Dress to Impress ladies night, including an East meets West fashion show, dancing, singing and pampering treatments, will be held at Claughton Community Centre.

The venue in Blowers Green Road, Dudley, is hosting the event, organised by the Community Matters Alliance on July 30.

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Daniel is ready for jamboree

A scout is preparing to travel from Stourbridge on the trip of a lifetime to join the World Jamboree in Sweden.

Daniel Sheppard, aged 17, was picked to represent the Stourbridge District at the 22nd World Jamboree held at Rinkaby between July 27 and August 8.

Daniel Sheppard

The teenager, a member of the Halfpenny Green Air Scouts, at Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport, Bobbington, near Stourbridge, was invited to join the West Mercia contingent to the Jamboree. Since then, the contingent has been on camps and team-building exercises in readiness to represent the UK. Daniel lives in Kinver and is a student at Stourbridge's King Edwards VI College. He is hoping to continue studying chemistry at university.

"Since joining the Air Scouts I have enjoyed many exceptional experiences including flying with the RAF," he said. "I am really excited at the prospect of spending two days with the UK contingent."

He said that the trip would include 12 days with scouts from around the world and then he would have the privilege of spending four days of hospitality living with a scout and his family in the Czech Republic.

Top toys from school pupils

Pupils from a Stourbridge school became toy designers for the day as part of a national competition.

Year 8 pupils at Redhill School in Junction Road took part in the Playsafe competition, organised by the Trading Standards Institute, picking up 'highly commended' awards for their safe toy designs.

The competition asked students to create a blueprint for a toy suitable for children aged between three and seven years of age.

Four pupils, Alexander Balkham, Katherine Noott, Abigail Thomas and Eleanor Taylor, were put forward to enter the competition by the school and picked up the 'highly commended' awards.

They designed toys including musical instruments and specialist toys for the blind.

ATC open day for youngsters

Youngsters can learn more about the Air Training Corps in Brierley Hill at an upcoming open day.

The 2156 Brierley Hill squadron of the ATC is holding the event for people aged 13 to 17 for those wanting to find out more about the RAF and aviation.

It will be held on Saturday from 9am at its base, in Hickman Road, Brockmoor.

More workers accept deals in equal pay row

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Nearly 50 more workers at Dudley Council have now accepted new wage offers to settle a long-running pay row.

The authority has already settled with 1,937 people at a cost of £9.4 million. Another 1,300 offers worth more than £10.4m were made to workers at the end of last year. Around 600 of that round of offers have now been accepted.

Figures also show that the cost of the offers so far accepted in this round is more than £5.2m.

It has also emerged that two "collective" cases, involving 950 workers which are being considered at an employment tribunal, have a "key hearing" pencilled in for later this year.

Council bosses have urged people to think carefully about the offers being made, and public sector union Unison has been monitoring the situation.

Advice

Union solicitors have issued advice to people on a case-by-case basis over whether to accept offers.

Councillor Tim Wright, Dudley Council deputy leader with responsibility for human resources, law and governance, said: "Since the last update in April another 45 settlement offers have been accepted.

"There is a key hearing in the employment tribunal regarding the council's cases during September."

But he added: "However, it is likely that this will be a first step and other details will need to be sorted next year."

Councils are attempting to deal with the issue of equal pay, which was demanded by the Labour Government 13 years ago. Neighbouring Wolverhampton City Council has recently set a target of a year in which to resolve an equal pay dispute involving around 350 women workers.

Tribunals are also due to be held to resolve the situation in Wolverhampton after claims were lodged by 43 dinner ladies, 76 learning support workers, 142 people in social care, 14 in leisure, four cleaners, six caterers, 34 admin staff and 40 women in "journey assistant" roles.

Barbecue fun day to be held in park

Fun for all the family is being lined up at a Dudley park on Saturday. The Church of God of Prophecy has organised its fourth barbecue event offering food, music, sports, face painting, puppet show and bouncy castle.

The fun starts at 12pm at Grange Park in Fulbrook Road. Organiser Barry Hutchinson said: "This is the third year we will be holding this great event. Visitors are telling us how much they really enjoy it."

Fond memories of youth club days

They may have been a youth club gang but they all met to celebrate a 95th birthday.

It was a journey down memory lane when four original members of Stourbridge's YWCA youth club – now aged in their 80s – met up with the woman they looked up to as their leader all those years ago to celebrate her milestone birthday.

Dorothy Hemmings took over as secretary and leader at the former YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) at the age of 29 – and little did she know she would also become something of a matchmaker.

"Dorothy was just wonderful," said Phyllis Lawrence, now aged 80, of Kingsway, Wollaston, Stourbridge.

"We were mostly girls but the boys were let in on a Saturday for a dance.

Husbands

"A lot of us met our husbands there – I met mine, Stan, there."

Another couple who got together at the YWCA were Geoff Dunn, aged 83, and his wife, Dorothy, 81, now of Wem in Shropshire.

"We reckon something like 32 marriages originated at that club – and we don't know of one that has ended in divorce or separation," said Geoff.

Phyllis, Geoff and Dorothy Dunn and another old chum from youth club days, Molly Price, aged 80, of Clifton Street, Stourbridge, were among scores of old friends and family who gathered to wish Miss Hemmings a happy 95th birthday at Liddiard Court, Belfry Drive, Wollaston, the retirement home where she now lives.

Molly said: "Dorothy was a lovely teacher and example to us all."

Spearheaded

They first joined in the 1930s when the club was run by Miss Kath Penley and was based in an old shed opposite St John's Church, now on Stourbridge ring road. After Dorothy's arrival in 1945 she spearheaded raising the funds to acquire Thornleigh, the house in Hagley Road, Stourbridge, as premises for the club, boosted by £3,000 which Stourbridge Youth Council had been given after the Second World War.

Dorothy was in 1996 given a special award by the YWCA for more than half a century of "fund raising, motivating, innovations, encouraging and never shrinking from any task". She said: "I loved all the members of the YWCA and we've stayed friends through the years."

The YWCA building was knocked down a couple of years ago, along with the Labour Club next door. Dorothy retired in 1976 but continued as a volunteer with the YWCA. She is now enjoying life with her cat, Toby after recovering from a hip replacement.

Dorothy with Phyllis Lawrence and, back from left, and Geoff Dunn and Mollie Price

Dorothy, top left, in a production by drama group when she was in her mid 30s

Dorothy Hemmings, sitting right, with a gathering of family and friends, including some of the old members of her youth club, at her 95th party

Parking plea at hospital

Around 800 workers have appealed after being refused a parking permit at three Black Country hospitals, it has emerged. Bosses are now reviewing applications before making a final decision on how many passes will be handed out.

The permit scheme was introduced in December to coincide with the opening of a new £6 million staff car park at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley. But more than 3,000 workers at the Russells Hall and Guest hospitals in Dudley and the Corbett in Stourbridge applied for a pass. The number of applications far exceeds the number of available spaces.

Hospital bosses say they have been forced to restrict parking spaces to one for every four workers due to council regulations when it applied for planning permission to build the new multi-storey in 2008. The majority of applications were for Russells Hall where there are 1,123 staff spaces including 691 at the new multi-story.

Each application was judged on a number of criteria including how far workers lived from the site and how often they needed to use their car during the course of the working day. Priority was also given to on-call workers, shift workers, permanent night workers and disabled staff. Workers who had to catch three or more buses or trains and where it would take more than an hour to get to work on public transport were also given priority.

The Dudley Group of Hospitals's information governance manager Sharon Williams said: "Applications from staff are currently being evaluated and permits will be issued in the next few weeks."

Scaled down mosque plan

Muslim leaders say their decision to downscale multi-million mosque plans in Dudley town centre by more than half proved they were listening to people's concerns.

Dudley Muslim Association said they had worked hard with council planners to come up with a more modest project for Hall Street in light of opposition.

Chairman Khurshid Ahmed said the new plans would cost between £4 million and £6m – down from an original estimate of £12m.

He and others from the group had a meeting with council representatives to discuss a High Court bid by the authority to buy back the land before building work can begin.

"A lot of people had some legitimate concerns which included car parking, transport and views of the site," he said.

Parents-to-be can get advice

Parents-to-be can get advice at an event in the Black Country. The National Childbirth Trust is holding a "Speed Bumps" evening at The Bonded Warehouse in Stourbridge on August 3 at 8pm. To book a £3 ticket, which admits two people, email halesowen-stourbridge-nct@hotmail.co.uk

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£1.5bn scheme is given approval

An action plan aimed at bringing £1.5 billion investment into Brierley Hill to improve trade, community facilities and transport links by 2026 has been approved by Dudley Council – after years in the pipeline.

The authority formally approved and adopted the Brierley Hill Area Action Plan at a full meeting bringing to an end a four-year programme of work to finalise the document. It will be a blueprint of developments in the town over the next 25 years.

Opportunities for retail developments at the Merry Hill Shopping Centre are being treated as a priority.

Bringing in more businesses to the main High Street is also a key part of the plan – with the intention to create an estimated 21,000 new jobs in the area over the course of the plan.

It is also intended to create thousands of homes, improve leisure and office facilities and create better links between the High Street and Merry Hill Shopping Centre.

New streets, public spaces and transport interchanges will also be created and historic areas, including the town's canal network which would also be better exploited.

Councillor Angus Adams submitted the final proposal for the council to adopt the scheme.

Annual play day in park

Juggling, trampolining and climbing will be some of the activities on offer at a free annual play day in Wyre Forest.

Youngsters are invited to Lickhill Memorial Park, Stourport on August 3.

There will also be a choice of sports and races to take part in. The event will run from 11am to 3pm.

Refreshments will be available or people can bring a picnic lunch. For further information on the day, call 01562 732978.

A chance to voice views

The next Police and Community Together meeting for people in Brierley Hill will be held on August 11.

Anyone who wants to voice their views on issues affecting the area or particular problems facing the community can meet with officers at St Paul's Community Centre in Hawbush Road from 6pm.

Canals campaigner's lifetime achievement recognised

Water way for trust to show that Vic can cut it

Vic Smallshire has been declared a national transport hero after he became a leading light in a titanic struggle over five decades to restore Black Country canals to their former glory.

Vic and his colleagues at Dudley Canal Trust have often had to battle with the authorities in their bid to keep the local waterways open – and have waded into a filthy morass of rubbish-filled water in their labour of love.

In 1962, a British Waterways sign proclaimed: "Dudley Old Tunnel and Park Head Lock closed."

Now campaigners who have toiled alongside Vic – often wading up to their necks in debris to keep it open – have made their own cast iron comeback retort.

It reads: "Dudley Canal Tunnel closed by the Government on behalf of the people, reopened by the people on behalf of themselves."

Vic, chairman of the Canal Trust, has now picked up a lifetime achievement award from the Transport Trust as a thank you for almost 50 years of service – many of them devoted to restoring the Dudley Canal and its tunnel.

He is delighted to have been presented with the award by the trust's patron, Prince Michael of Kent, and president, Sir William McAlpine, but says it is really a tribute to the whole team who have worked so hard to preserve their beloved Dudley Canal.

Vic, aged 66, of Trejon Road, Cradley Heath, was just 16 when he first became involved in canal restoration.

Stinking

"The canal was derelict – a stinking ditch full of dead dogs and railway sleepers," he said.

"Now we have turned it into the busiest canal in the country, with 85,000 visitors a year travelling through the Dudley tunnel."

He told how the Government inherited the canal system in the 1960s when it nationalised the railways, many of which owned the waterways.

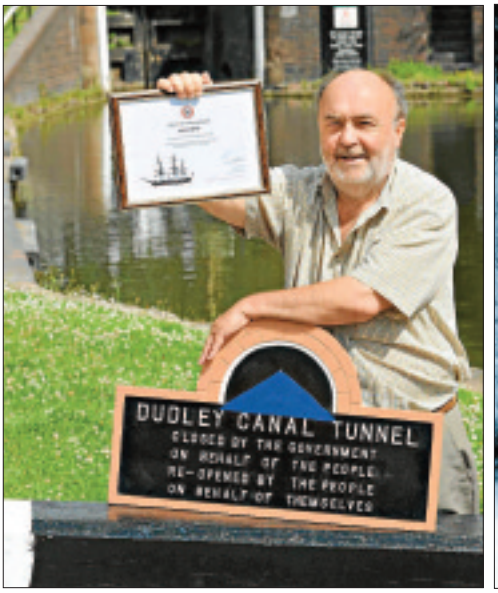
"But the Government viewed the canals as a millstone round their neck and and was going to fill them all in," he said. "We volunteers got together, standing up to our necks with shovels, to clear the canal and open it up again." After working for many years to restore the local waterways, the volunteers successfully campaigned during the 1980s to reopen Dudley's limestone caverns to canal navigation. Now the Canal Trust operates four electrically-powered narrow boats carrying visitors into the tunnel and mine, and the trip is one of Dudley's main tourist attractions. Fellow members of Dudley Canal Trust recently presented Vic with the cast iron sign of victory.

It now has pride of place in the canal trust's headquarters in Peartree Lane, Dudley.

Vic, a retired surveyor, says he was "not a little surprised and a smidge embarrassed" when he heard that he had won the lifetime achievement award from the Transport Trust because he felt so many other people were also worthy of it.

Widower Vic, a father of three and a grandfather, said he fell in love with the canal network at an early age.

"You couldn't walk along a canal and not be fascinated," he said.



Vic Smallshire with his award and the cast iron plaque

Vic, bottom left, on a Dudley canal trip in 1964

With the plaque on the canal under High Bridge Road, at Netherton are artist and sculptor Luke Perry with Vic

Stuart Wilkinson, Vic, Councillor Peter Miller, Hilary Miller and chairman of British Waterways Tony Hales

Meeting dates with police

Residents can raise issues with their local police at a series of meetings in the Black Country.

The neighbourhood policing team in Quarry bank and Dudley Wood are holding surgeries over the coming weeks.

The first will take place on August 5 at Asda, Saltwells Road, Netherton, from 11am to 12.30pm.

Then, on August 6, officers will visit Quarry Bank High Street between 1.30pm and 3pm.

They move on to Black Horse Park, Dudley Wood Road, between 11am and 2pm on August 10.

The final meetings both take place on September 3, at Spring Meadow Park, Netherton, and and Quarry Bank High Street.

Dogs' day in spotlight

Dogs will have their day at a beauty spot near Bewdley when Natural England hosts an event inspired by man's best friend. Dog charities and businesses will be on hand to talk to visitors who can try dog-themed archery and go for walkies.

Dog training and behaviour advice will also be available. The Wyre Forest Day for Dogs on July 30 will run from 10am until 2pm and will be held outside the Wyre Forest Visitor Centre at Callow Hill.

Call 01299 400686 for details.

Centre revamp angers the deaf

Work on a £250,000 facelift at a Dudley centre for disabled people has upset members of a club for deaf people, who say it is depriving them of space to play sports and bingo.

Dudley Deaf Sports and Social Club has had to sell its snooker table because there was not enough room for it in the new layout at the Queens Cross Centre in Wellington Road, which is used during the daytime by up to 50 people with physical and sensory disabilities.

Club chairman Richard Brookes said deaf members had also lost some of the space they used to have to play bingo in the hall.

The club's mobile dartboard was damaged when it was allegedly left out in the rain during the work.

Mr Brookes, whose club, which has 120 members, uses the Dudley Council-owned centre free on Tuesday nights, said: "We feel like they want us out of there. A lot of alterations have been done that affect us badly. All we have left is our pool table.

"We spent over £1,000 earlier this year for a bingo machine and wiring for two screens around the room so that people could see the numbers being called wherever they were. But the hall has been shortened so we can't have the screens."

A Dudley Council spokesman denied there was any move to drive out the deaf club and said a full apology had been made to the group for the "minor" water damage to the dartboard, which had since been repaired by the council.

Community chief, Councillor Lesley Faulkner, said: "We have been working very closely with the wide range of community groups at Queens Cross on these exciting modernisation plans."

Classic cars at museum

Fans of classic and vintage cars are gearing up for the annual Festival of Black Country Vehicles.

More than 100 vintage cars, vans and motorbikes will be on display at the Black Country Living Museum on July 31.

A rare addition to the festival will be the newly-restored Briton 10-12hp 4 Seater Tourer. The 1914 car restored by Black Country Living Museum Vehicle Volunteer Group is now believed to be the only one of its type in existence.

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Truancy cut called absolute nonsense

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Critics have labelled plans to axe 11 truancy officer jobs as "absolute nonsense" and accused Dudley Council of putting education at risk by forcing teachers to take on extra responsibilities.

The authority has cut the team of 20 down to just nine, who will focus exclusively on prosecuting parents of children who are persistently absent instead of making personal visits to schools and homes to help solve the problem. It is claimed this will impose extra work on teachers.

Education boss Councillor Liz Walker insists the cuts are necessary and schools in need of support will be able to apply for funding.

But Councillor Tim Crumpton, chairman of the select committee on children's services, today accused the council of piling extra pressure on teachers.

Impact

"You're taking away frontline services, by taking teachers away from teaching and making them work on truancy problems, and that will have a negative impact on education," he said.

"All these skills have just been thrown away.

"Teachers do not have the time and may not have the skills required to carry out the one-on-one chats or home visits that these truancy officers have done. We were making quite a lot of progress on truancy problems and this puts that at risk."

Headteacher Graham Lloyd has criticised the move, saying the loss of funding for the truancy worker who dealt with pupils at Holly Hall Maths and Computing College was one of the reasons the school opted to become an academy.

"They provide an invaluable service and have done wonderful work here at Holly Hall," he said.

"Losing them because of funding cuts just seemed unacceptable. I wanted more control over the school's budget so we could decide for ourselves what investments are best for our school."

Holly Hall college will open its doors as an academy in September.

Stage set for tea success

Mark Pincher has opened the Crystal Tea Rooms at The RedHouse Glass Cone with cousin Angie Stanton and mother Ellen Stanton

A tearoom is offering visitors the chance to step back to the Victorian era at a Midland attraction.

Crystal Tearooms, which sits in the shadow of Wordsley's historic Red House Glass Cone, has period furniture, traditional china cups and authentic costumes. It is the brainchild of former West End actor and singer Mark Pincher, who is running the cafe with his mother Ellen Stanton and cousin Angie Stanton. Mark, aged 41, of Ocker Hill Road, Tipton, who has appeared in Miss Saigon and Elvis the Musical, is the tearoom's very own singing waiter. "I enjoyed my time in the West End but I've always wanted to have a family business. It is a dream come true," he said.

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Circus time at glass museum

Circus fun for education officer Kate Figgitt at Broadfield House Glass Museum

Visitors will be rolling up for a circus themed activity trail at Kingswinford's Broadfield House Glass Museum.

Families will be able to hunt for circus stars around the attraction in Compton Drive run until September 4.

The free trail coincides with the summer reading challenge being held at libraries around Dudley borough. Children are encouraged to read six books as part of the scheme, which launches on Saturday and runs until September 11. Children who complete the challenge will be awarded certificates and medals and will be in with a chance to win prizes such as free passes to tourist attractions in the region. It is free to enter and registration forms are available at all libraries in Dudley.

Circus themed activities will also be taking place at libraries throughout the summer. Councillor Adrian Turner said: "The challenge encourages children to find enjoyment in reading as well as offering an opportunity to participate in fun and free activities at their local libraries during the summer holidays."

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Leaders warning of town traffic chaos

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Emergency measures are being drawn up as council leaders warn of traffic chaos when three main roads through Stourbridge town centre close for the demolition of the Bell Street multi-storey.

The whole of New Street, a footpath along Crown Lane and part of Bath Road – the ring road – will be closed to motorists as developers Tesco knock the crumbling car park and ageing Crown Centre and build a £50 million new shopping centre.

Council bosses today admitted the project, which will take several months, was going to be a "nightmare" for visitors to the town centre.

Work on the development is due to begin in January and completed in time to open for Christmas 2012, though discussions between the council and Tesco were ongoing today to establish the exact date.

New Street will remain closed while construction work takes place, and will reopen as a tunnel travelling beneath the front of the Tesco store is complete.

Minimise

Cabinet member for transport, Councillor Patrick Harley, revealed the demolition of the multi-storey would be carried out on a Sunday, and only last a day, to minimise impact on shoppers and motorists.

He said one of the major issues facing traffic officers was how motorists coming through the one-way system along High Street and Market Street, and from the Ryemarket multi-storey nearby, would leave when their normal route along New Stret has been blocked.

Currently, access to the ring road from the far end of Market Street is blocked by bollards and the subway, while the opposite ends of Bell Street and Talbot Street lead to the back of the Ryemarket.

Potential solutions include installing a temporary exit from Market Street, or even redirecting traffic through the Ryemarket car park.

Young VIPs open new store

Manager Richard Jones with Netherbrook Primary pupils at the new Asda

Schoolchildren were given the honour of cutting the ribbon at a revamped Black Country supermarket.

Asda has converted the former Netto in Netherton into one of its branches after buying out the firm. Youngsters from Netherbrook Primary School in Chester Road, Netherton, were invited to officially open the new store last week. Store manager Richard Jones said: "It was lovely we were able to share the opening of our new store with some of the local pupils from Netherbrook. They really seemed to enjoy themselves, especially the VIP tour."

The supermarket in Cradley Road has been closed for two weeks while the £500,000 refit has taken place.

Existing Netto staff have been taken on by Asda and nine new jobs have been created.

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£100m tram plans for disused rail lines

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A £100million project to launch a tram-train route on disused freight lines through the Black Country has been included in Centro's 10-year plan.

The bid would see hybrid tram-trains, capable of travelling along both light and heavy rail tracks, taking passengers along a defunct freight train route between Stourbridge and Walsall, with stops in Brierley Hill and Dudley.

Dudley Council leader Les Jones revealed that the project, which is expected to create hundreds of jobs across the region, has been granted preliminary approval and will now form part of the next long-term Local Transport Plan.

"We are hoping that work to open up the old freight routes can begin in around 2016, provided we can get the funding," he said.

Hybrid

"Once we can get the freight routes up and running, we can start getting passenger trains back on the lines. We want to get the hybrid tram-trains as they are able to run along the heavy-duty freight tracks as well as road-based tramlines. It's great news that Centro have taken it on board, but we do still have a lot of work to do."

A detailed business plan was submitted earlier this year, with council bosses estimating it would bring in a minimum of £200m to boost the region's economy.

Funding is expected to come largely from Department for Transport grants, along with contributions from councils. If it goes ahead as planned, the tram-trains would share the line with freight services in a bid to reduce congestion on the roads, and would link up with the Lichfield to Aldridge line.

The line would be in operation for an estimated six to 10 years while councils wait to see whether funding to extend the Midland Metro will be made available.

Pupils on track at sports day

Pupils, front Carys Lowe and Benjamin Jordan, back, Chloe Smith, Adam Ahemd, Isa Babri and Yusuf Alshimeri, centre Natalie Holford and Callan Taylor

Sporty pupils at a Black Country primary school were put through their paces at a day of activities organised by students at a nearby school.

Around 30 children at Hasbury C of E Primary School, in Hagley Road, Halesowen, took part in the sports festival organised by youngsters at Windsor High School.

Sports-themed events were set up in the school's playground and Windsor students provided the younger pupils with help and advice. There is a sports partnership between the two schools which has been ongoing for some time.

Habsbury School spokesman Jane Lees said: "The children have really enjoyed these activities which were led by pupils from Windsor High School. It has been a wonderful event and all of the pupils have had a great time," she said.

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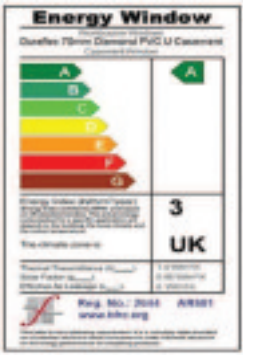

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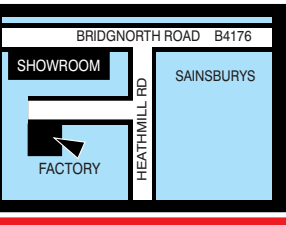

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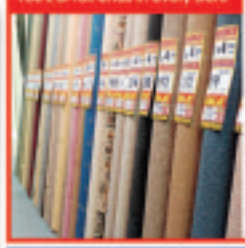

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Children's services hit by cuts

Council chiefs in Dudley have been forced to divert £2 million of funds to help plug a £4.4m hole in its children's services budget left by extra government budget cuts.

With more than £12m now being slashed from the budget and 101 jobs to go this year alone, the department has been forced to undergo a complete overhaul.

Children's chief Councillor Liz Walker said: "It is going to be tough but we are desperately trying to make sure that the services continue. It will be a bit different, and much reduced, but we are working to ensure that they will by and large still be there."

The department had already resigned itself to losing almost £9m by 2014 when the budget was set in March.

But a fresh blow came when the Government announced it was cutting an extra £4.4m in grants from the 2011/12 budget. This included the £3.6m Early Intervention Grant and £800,000, which helped pay for youth music and performing arts activities.

The extra cuts led to large-scale events such as Rock the Castle at Himley Hall being cut and replaced with a smaller event in Dudley Concert Hall.

Councillor Walker said other changes would mean schools would have to take on more responsibility for buying in some services, such as music lessons, rather than getting them from the council.

Family fun planned at the Cone

Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone has set up a programme of family activities and events throughout the school holidays.

The cone's showcase gallery will be transformed into a children's activity zone and there will be sand pits with buckets and spades in the craft courtyard.

The Juniors at Museums club will be on hand with activities including kiln fused glass workshops for children aged five and above as well as fun days for the whole family.

Saz's Ceramics will also be running pottery, glass and fabric painting sessions every week and holding clay days every Thursday from July 28 to September 1.

The Red House Glass Cone is open Monday to Sunday from 10am to 4pm and admission is free.

Inquest started

An inquest on a man from Dudley has been opened and adjourned. Mark Andrew Butler, aged 46, of Middle Park Road, Russells Hall, died on July 6 at his home. The case has been adjourned to a date to be fixed for tests.

Pupils on the ball with Heather

England rugby union star and international bobsledder Heather Fisher with pupils Chad Edwards, Joe Parker and Matthew Greenaway, all aged 12

England rugby union star and international bobsleigher Heather Fisher dropped into a Black Country school to talk about her sporting achievements.

The 27-year-old, who plays for Worcester Warriors, visited the Coseley School and Sports College in Henne Drive.

During her bobsleigh career, she represented Great Britain from 2006 to 2008 competing in junior championships, the British Championship and on the European circuit. She is now a flanker for the Worcester Warriors women's team and plays at the city's Sixways stadium.

Fisher, who has played for Lichfield, is a sports lecturer at Warwickshire College in Henley-in-Arden.

Coseley teacher Steve Stokes said Fisher's talk with the students, during which she talked about overcoming barriers through sport, had been inspirational to hear.

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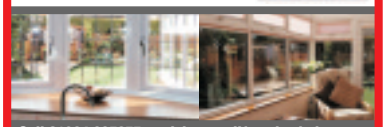

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Historic vase to be recreated

A world famous glass vase, which dates back to Roman times will be recreated in Stourbridge as part of a new project.

The Portland Vase, which was discovered in the late 16th century, is known around the globe for its intricate designs. Now Ruskin Glass Centre craftsmen have launched the Stourbridge Twenty Twelve Portland Vase project to make a replica of the vase.

The project has already gained the support of the British Museum and all of the the work will be carried on site at Ruskin Glass Centre for visitors to witness. The glass used will be sourced from Stourbridge-based Plowden & Thomson. The blank cameo vase will be blown by expert glass maker Richard Golding before the piece is engraved over subsequent months by Terri Colledge.

Centre manager Leigh White said: "The aim is to complete the piece to coincide with the International Festival of Glass in August 2012."

People will be able to keep up-to-date on the project by logging on to the website **www.ruskin-glasscentre.co.uk**

Portland Vase project co-ordinator Ian Dury with glass artist and engraver Terri-Louise Colledge

Hollywood calls for metal coating firm

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A leading Dudley metalworks which has already been used by Hollywood has signed a deal with a major British films studio.

Metal-spraying firm Metallisation has signed a deal with Pinewood Studios, where films such as Pirates of the Caribbean and Harry Potter have been filmed.

So far the firm's film credits include completed a range of scenery used in the epic remake of Clash of the Titans, which starred Liam Neeson as Zeus and Ralph Fiennes as Hades.

In a scene where the gods walk across a map of the world, Metallisation was responsible for coating it.

"It is very exciting for our staff to know that what they are working on could have a big star strolling across it in a couple of months," said finance director Rob Hill, aged 55, who lives in Telford.

Accounts manager Steve Atkiss said the firm had become involved with Pinewood as it is the only company in the UK which develops, manufactures and supplies a range of equipment which sprays liquid metal.

Steve Barker, Rob Hill and Terry Lester from Metallisation in Dudley

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He said studio bosses seized on the idea as a way of making their props and sets – which are often created from polystyrene – more durable.

In Clash of the Titans, the map of the world formed the centrepiece of the council chamber where the gods resided, using it to plan the fate of the mortals.

They are often seen walking across it and fighting over what happens on Earth, and so it had to be strong enough to support the constant weight of the actors as well as heavy film equipment. Despite mixed reviews, the film proved a hit with cinema-goers and raked in a massive $400m at the box office.

Metallisation was also involved in Dubai's iconic Burj Al Arab hotel, which at 321m high is the fourth tallest hotel in the world.

The firm, which has been operating from its site in Peartree Lane since 1922, was called upon to protect the outside of the structure against high temperatures and the corrosive effect of sand and sea.

Mr Hill said the Pinewood deal was part of a plan to plough hundreds of thousands of pounds into expanding business abroad.

The firm invested £300,000 into exploring new markets last year and plans at least another £100,000 by the end of this year.

He said he was now looking to employ at least three additional engineers to add to the firm's 35-strong team. "In looking to develop our markets, we have found that we've sold increasing amounts to developing countries such as India.

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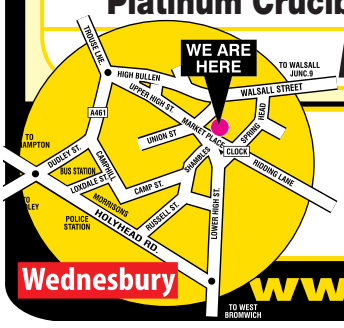

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Golf day raises more than £2,000

Golfers raised money for a Black Country hospice on a day organised by the family of a former patient.

The Roger Brookes charity golf day raised £2,023 for Mary Stevens Hospice, in Hagley Road, Stourbridge.

Players have taken part in the event since it was established in 2000. It was held this year at the Little Lakes Golf Club, in Lye Head, Bewdley, on June 12.

The Brookes family launched the event after their youngest son Kevin died in a traffic accident aged just 24.

Kevin was a keen footballer and his brothers Roger and David sent up a memorial football cup competition to remember him.

In 2000 keen golfer Roger suggested that a golf day be organised.

But he died in December 2004 after a battle against cancer, and he spent his last four days at Mary Stevens Hospice. His wife Jane and David agreed that from 2005 the event should be called the Roger Brookes charity golf day and would be held on the first Sunday in June each year.

Hospice head of fundraising Janet Jones said: "This event is a marvellous tribute to Kevin and Roger and on behalf of Mary Stevens Hospice I would like to thank the Brookes family and all those who have contributed to making this golf day such a success over the years."

Garden will open to public

A two-and-a-half acre Stourport garden, which has starred on BBC's Gardener's World, will be open to the public at the end of the month.

Sub-tropical plants, winding paths through jungle-themed gardens including banana and palm trees, and a woodland temple all feature at the Astley Town House garden in School Lane, Astley, Stourport.

Visitors to the garden, which featured on the TV show in September, will also be able to look around a tree-top safari lodge, a revolving summerhouse and a grotto based on Greek mythology when it opens as part of the National Garden Scheme open day on July 31. Astley Town House will be open from 1pm until 5pm. The admission is £4 for adults while children get in for free.

Music advice

People in the music industry can meet for advice at the next Stourbridge Music Network meeting at Base Studios on the Gainsborough Industrial Estate in Rufford Road at 7.30pm on September 12.

Pupils paint a wall whopper

Pupils had a whale of a time creating a new painting at their school.

A 30ft image of a humpback whale has been painted by students at Summerhill School in Kingswinford.

The idea was dreamed up by head of art at the Lodge Lane school Jackie Lander, who also encouraged pupils to adopt one of the mammals in the Atlantic.

"I am interested in whale watching and we have got the children interested in it over the course of the last two or three years," she said.

"We adopted a whale called Midnight last year and we have just renewed it after the children raised money during a charity week at the school.

"We wanted to give the students a real sense of the scale of a whale which led to the painting, although it is actually only half the size of a humpback whale though.

"It includes a diver to show what they are like compared to a person.

She added: "It looks absolutely fantastic.

"It is the sheer size that impresses them."

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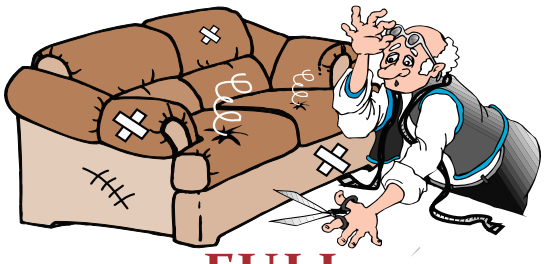

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On August 17, Kidderminster Town Hall will be transformed into a recording studio for youngsters to test their skills on the airwaves.

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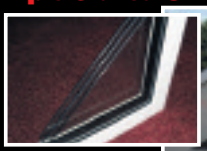

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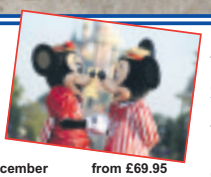

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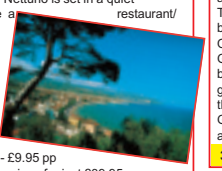

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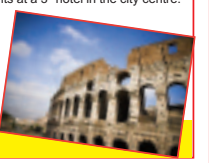

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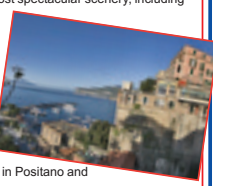

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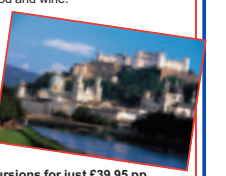

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Royal wedding dress goes on display at Buckingham Palace

IT WAS the most anticipated dress of the century – and now the public can see it up close when it goes on display at Buckingham Palace.

The Duchess of Cambridge's intricately decorated wedding dress, designed by Sarah Burton of Alexander McQueen, received a rapturous reception.

For months, it was fashion's best-kept secret.

Even the team of embroiderers at Hampton Court Palace working on the gown did not know the identity until shortly before the public announcement.

But as soon as the Duchess appeared leaving the Goring Hotel and then entering Westminster Abbey on her wedding day on April 29, the secret was out.

Admirers can view the dress on display in the ballroom of Buckingham Palace during the annual summer opening which began in late July and continue to October 3.

Caroline de Guitaut, curator of the exhibition, said: "The Duchess considered a number of options and then decided that she would like it to be displayed here which of course was the scene for the celebrations after Westminster Abbey so it is very fitting that it should be shown here exactly where the reception took place."

The bridal gown featured lace appliqué floral detail and was made of ivory and white satin gazar, with a skirt that resembled "an opening flower" with white satin gazar arches and pleats.

The lace appliqué for the bodice and skirt was handmade by the Royal School of Needlework. Individual flowers were hand-cut from lace and hand-engineered on to ivory silk-tulle.

The Duchess's veil, tiara and the diamond earrings she wore on the day also form part of the display. The exhibition also features the Duchess's bridal shoes, which weren't visible on the day.

A replica of The Duchess of Cambridge's bridal bouquet made from artificial flowers has been specially created for the display. The bouquet drew upon the tradition of the language of flowers and included lily-of-the-valley (return to happiness), Sweet William (gallantry), hyacinth (constancy of love), ivy (fidelity, marriage, friendship) and myrtle (marriage, love).

Bouquet

Stems from a myrtle planted at Osborne House by Queen Victoria 1845 and a sprig from a bush grown from the myrtle used in The Queen's wedding bouquet in 1947 were included in The Duchess's bouquet.

To complement the wedding dress display, The Duke and Duchess's wedding cake created by Leicestershire-based cake designer Fiona Cairns is shown in the State Dining Room.

The eight-tiered traditional fruit cake was hand-made using British ingredients and decorated with sugar flowers. The base of the cake bears the first cut made by The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. The top three tiers have been specially made by the Fiona Cairns bakery for the display – the original top two tiers were kept by The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, as is the tradition, and the third tier was sliced and served to guests.

The royal wedding dress display, the royal wedding cake and the official royal wedding photographs are on display as part of the Summer Opening of Buckingham Palace, which includes the 19 State Rooms (with free audio tour), the special exhibition Royal Fabergé, and ends with a walk along the south side of the Palace garden.

For tickets and visitor information go to the website www.royalcollection.org.uk or call 0207 766 7300.

The 1902 State Landau carriage, used by The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to travel to Buckingham Palace, is on public display as part of a visit to the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace. For tickets and information see www.royalcollection.org.uk

The Duchess of Cambridge's beautiful wedding dress designed by Sarah Burton for Alexander McQueen will be on show at Buckingham Palace from late July to early October

The cake will be on show minus a couple of layers kept by the royal couple

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thechronicle THE WAY I SEE IT

It's time to hold the Government to account

Dudley North Labour MP **IAN AUSTIN** takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that matter

From conversations I have had with constituents I know that things are pretty tough at the moment.

While the bankers get their bonuses, families here dread bills dropping through the letterbox or filling up the family car with fuel.

I read a report recently which showed the West Midlands was the region most badly affected by the recession.

An area like ours – where more than half the people work in public services such as the NHS, local schools or the council – will be hit even harder as the Government's spending cuts start to bite.

For me, the only way to improve things for my constituents is to hold the Government to account; to ensure it makes every effort and takes every opportunity to grow the economy and create more jobs. I want to use the Parliamentary recess to begin to draw up an Action Plan for Jobs in Dudley.

To start with I need to gather some local information on how the general economic situation is impacting on families here both in terms of jobs and the increased cost of living.

That's where I need your help.

I want to know what local people think and I'd be really grateful if you'd take just a few minutes to complete my Jobs and Cost of Living survey.

Give my office a call on 01384 342503/4 or email me at *austini@parliament.uk* and I'll send you the survey to complete and return to me at no cost to yourself.

I will get back to you with the results of the survey and how I am going to use the information to demand more government action here.

I've launched this survey because I'm worried about the state of our economy and want to find out about the impact it is having here in Dudley.

Our economy has not grown at all in the six months since plans were published which said spending would be cut further and faster than any other economy causing confidence to slump and growth to grind to a halt.

They come up with all sorts of excuses, blaming the weather and public holidays for the slow-down in economic activity, but the Tories cannot hide from the fact our economic recovery stalled before Christmas while other major economies grew faster.

The reasons why Britain has fared worse are clear.

Caution

Even though economic recovery was still fragile in Britain and around the world, a year ago David Cameron and George Osborne threw caution to the wind and made a political choice to cut further and faster than any other major economy.

It was never true to say Britain was on the verge of bankruptcy.

Countries such as Greece are in real trouble but every time the Government talks Britain down by claiming we face similar problems, they add to the problem.

The result is that consumer confidence has collapsed and families and businesses have reined in their spending and plans.

Anyone who works in construction knows how tough it is at the moment, because most families are too worried about their jobs to think about moving house or taking on a bigger mortgage.

It's the same for many employers who are too worried about staying afloat at the moment to think about borrowing to invest in new plant or equipment to develop new products and create new jobs.

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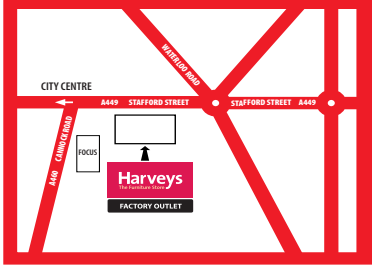

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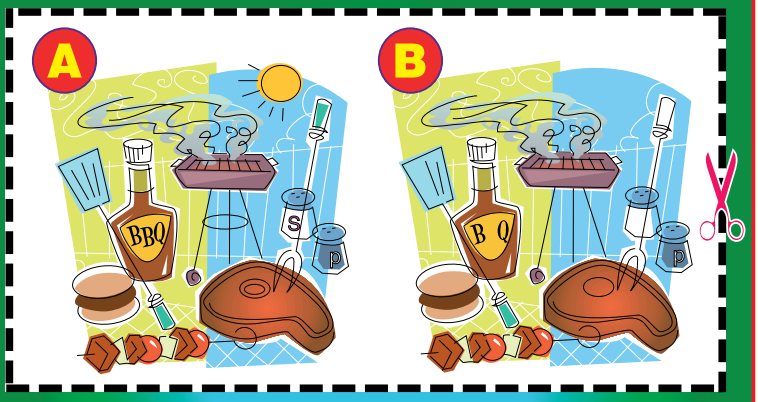

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Full on festival fever is on the way for summer

Above: Barbados-born singing star Rihanna, let's hope she will not be needing her Umbrella at V

Right: Latin expert Quantic, alias former Bewdley resident Will Holland is at The Big Chill

GLASTONBURY is gone, mired by mud like Latitude and several other top rock festivals but things are just starting to hot up in the Midlands.

In the weeks to come we have the dance version of Glasters, Godskitchen's Global Gathering, in Warwickshire; The Big Chill in the grounds of Eastnor Castle in Herefordshire; and the really big one, the V Festival at Weston Park, on the Staffs-Shropshire border.

So the region's festival season kicks off tomorrow (Friday, July 29) to Sunday, July 31, with Godskitchen's Global Gathering. One of the UK's biggest dance festivals, returns to Stratford with headliners Annie Mac, Eric Prydz and Pendulum among others. Tickets range from £62.60 for a day and £109 for the weekend. See www.globalgathering.com for details.

Hot on the heels of that event is The Big Chill weekend from August 4 to 7, bringing Kanye West, Jessie J and Chemical Brothers to the parkland near Ledbury for £120 a pop. Also on the bill is the Black Country's own rock god Robert Plant with his Band of Joy on the Sunday (August 7) which is the same day that reunited Handsworth reggae band Steel Pulse play the festival.

Megastars

It's August 20 and 21 fans will most long for when the V Festival will once again take over Staffordshire's Weston Park, giving everyone from rising stars Wolf Gang, surprise comeback popsters Hanson and megastars Eminem, Rihanna, and Arctic Monkeys a place to play alongside Kaiser Chiefs, Manic Street Preachers, The Script, Dizzee Rascal, Jessie J, Pendulum and the reformed Primal Scream. V also has the biggest pure pop contingent with the likes of The Saturdays, Olly Murs, Eliza Doolittle and The Wanted on the weekend bill. Go online to www.vfestival.com for details.

One of The Big Chill acts will be warming up with a gig at Birmingham's Hare and Hounds pub venue which promises a scorching July and August of summer sounds with lots of tropical beats including plenty of funk, reggae and soul.

Former Worcestershire DJ Will Holland, from Bewdley, who is now based in South America brings his Combo Barbaro under his alias of Quantic to the Kings Heath venue on August 5. The group's recent album Transition in Tradition is a multicultural patchwork of cumbia, deep funk, tropical dub and many styles between. In 2007 Holland moved to Cali, Colombia's third largest city, to pursue his passion for Latin music.

Also lined up for the pub venue are reggae collective The Easy All-Stars, best known for their reggae versions of albums by Pink Floyd and The Beatles; Massive Attack co-founder and trip-hop pioneer Daddy G with Birmingham's rising Alternative Dubstep Orchestra; Walsall's Goldie; and punk pioneers The Rezillos, and favourite regular Big Chill DJ Mr Scruff. For full istings see the venue's website at http://hareandhoundskingsheath.co.uk/

Above: from the multi-million selling debut Employment back in 2005 through to the recent The Future Is Medieval, Kaiser Chiefs have been a top UK band and they follow their Glastonbury performance with a gig at the V Festival; Right: Chemical Brothers will be bringing those block rocking beats to The Big Chill, a festival which also features (left) rock legend Robert Plant with his Band of Joy

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BBC1

[illegible] Breakfast. [illegible] Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. [illegible] The Good Cook. (R) [illegible] BBC News; Regional News; Weather. [illegible] Formula 1: The Hungarian Grand Prix Qualifying. Live coverage from Budapest (Start-time 1.00pm). [illegible] Swimming. [illegible] Live Golf: The Women's British Open. The third day from Carnoustie. [illegible] BBC News; Regional News; Weather. [illegible] Total Wipeout. (R)

[illegible] **Tonight's the Night.** Glee star Matthew Morrison, The One Show's Matt Baker, pop singer Sophie Ellis-Bextor and the cast of Billy Elliot The Musical help make dreams come true. Hosted by John Barrowman.
[illegible] **The National Lottery: In It to Win It.** Quiz show, including the all-important numbers.
[illegible] **Casualty.** Adam's medical misdemeanours come back to haunt him when paedophile Matthew Haddon is admitted with liver failure, and Kirsty makes a drastic decision about her future.
[illegible] **John Bishop's Britain.** New series. Entertainment show with guest Andrew Flintoff.
[illegible] **BBC News; Weather;** National Lottery Update.
[illegible] **FILM: King Arthur.** (2004) Historical adventure, starring Clive Owen.
[illegible] **FILM: Amityville II: The Possession.** (1982) Horror prequel, starring Burt Young; Weatherview.

[illegible] BBC News.

BBC2

[illegible] CBeebies. [illegible] CBBC. [illegible] Lifeline. (R) [illegible] Coast. (R) [illegible] Antiques Road Trip. (R) [illegible] Antiques Road Trip. (R) [illegible] Film: Sodom and Gomorrah. (1962) Biblical drama, starring Stewart Granger, Pier Angeli, Stanley Baker and Rossana Podesta. [illegible] Flog It! (R) [illegible] Live Golf: The Women's British Open. The third day from Carnoustie.

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[illegible] **Live Athletics.** The World Trials and UK Championships.
[illegible] **Dad's Army.** The platoon has a steam engine problem. (R)
[illegible] **The Impressionists – Painting and Revolution.** The people depicted by the movement's artists.
[illegible] **BBC Proms 2011.** Andris Nelsons conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in two works by Richard Strauss, Walton's Violin Concerto with soloist Midori, and Prokofiev's Alexander Nevsky.
[illegible] **The Rob Brydon Show.** With Bill Bailey, Beverley Knight and Celia Pacquola. (R)
[illegible] **TOTP2: 80s Special.** Memorable performances from the 1980s. (R)

[illegible] Film: Tapeheads. (1988) Comedy, with Tim Robbins. [illegible] Film: Summer. (2007) British drama, starring Robert Carlyle.

ITV1

[illegible] CITV: Mini CITV. [illegible] CITV. [illegible] Ten Mile Menu. (R) [illegible] Coronation Street. [illegible] This Morning Saturday. [illegible] ITV News; Weather. [illegible] Film: Agatha Christie's Murder Is Easy. (1982) Murder mystery with Bill Bixby. [illegible] Film: Columbo: A Stitch in Crime. (1973) Crime drama, with Peter Falk. [illegible] Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 – Behind the Magic. (R) [illegible] Regional Programmes. [illegible] ITV News; Weather. [illegible] Film: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. (2004) Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe.

[illegible] **Odd One In.** Coronation Street and Emmerdale teams compete.
[illegible] **Penn & Teller: Fool Us.** Another four acts, including a card-trick champion and a Cuban magician now living in Kent, try to outwit the illusionists with mind-boggling tricks.
[illegible] **The Marriage Ref.** With Denise Van Outen, Sarah Millican and Micky Flanagan. Last in the series.

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[illegible] **ITV News; Weather.**
[illegible] **FILM: The Specialist.** (1994) Action thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone and Sharon Stone.

[illegible] The Zone; ITV News Headlines. [illegible] In Plain Sight. [illegible] ITV Nightscreen. [illegible] ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

[illegible] The Hoobs. (R) [illegible] The Film Show. (R) [illegible] British Formula 3 International Series. [illegible] The Grid. [illegible] The Morning Line. [illegible] T4: Friends. (R) [illegible] T4: Hollyoaks Music Show. [illegible] T4: Smallville. (R) [illegible] T4: Friends. (R) [illegible] T4: Pop Up Pop Quiz. [illegible] T4: Dirty Sexy Things. [illegible] The TV Book Club. [illegible] Channel 4 Presents – Danielle Brown 2012. (R) [illegible] Channel 4 Racing. [illegible] Channel 4 Presents – David Smith 2012. (R) [illegible] Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) [illegible] Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) [illegible] Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) [illegible] Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

[illegible] **Channel 4 News.**
[illegible] **[illegible]**

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[illegible] **FILM: Crocodile Dundee II.** (1988) Comedy, starring Paul Hogan.
[illegible] **Camelot.** Harwel lays siege to Arthur's outpost at Baden Pass.
[illegible] **FILM: Cloverfield.** (2008) Thriller, starring Michael Stahl-David, Lizzy Caplan, Jessica Lucas and TJ Miller.
[illegible] **FILM: Underworld: Evolution.** (2006) Horror fantasy sequel, starring Kate Beckinsale and Scott Speedman.

[illegible] Bump, Boobs and Botox. (R) [illegible] 24 Hours in A&E. (R) [illegible] Embarrassing Bodies: Teen Special. (R) [illegible] Hill Street Blues. (R) [illegible] Born to Be Different. (R)

Channel 5

[illegible] Milkshake! [illegible] Inside Hollywood. (R) [illegible] Mexican Food Made Simple. (R) [illegible] Film: Cheyenne Autumn. (1964) John Ford's Western, with Richard Widmark. [illegible] Film: Sugarfoot. (1951) Western, starring Randolph Scott. [illegible] Film: War Arrow. (1954) Western, starring Jeff Chandler. [illegible] Film: Blue Thunder. (1983) Action adventure, starring Roy Scheider.

[illegible] **Cricket.** England v India. With analysis by Geoffrey Boycott, Michael Vaughan and Simon Hughes.
[illegible] **5 News Weekend.**
[illegible] **NCIS.** The team suspects a desperate Marine may have faked his own death with the help of a friend and blown up an ambulance in a botched attempt to cover all traces of the subterfuge. (R)
[illegible] **CSI: Miami.** A golf instructor is found guilty of murder, but the team suspects his attorney actually helped get him convicted to protect a more powerful client. (R)
[illegible] **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** The detectives investigate the world of ultimate fighting.
[illegible] **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** A respected philanthropist is attacked in her home. (R)
[illegible] **Inside Hollywood.** Magazine show. (R)

[illegible] SuperCasino. [illegible] The Family Recipe. (R) [illegible] The FBI Files. (R) [illegible] Hank's Helpline. (R) [illegible] The Milkshake! Show. (R) [illegible] Thomas & Friends. (R) [illegible] Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
6.50 Film: Free Willy (1993) A boy befriends a captive killer whale, but when he learns the animal is to be killed, he makes plans to release it into the ocean. Drama, with Jason James Richter and Lori Petty. Including ITV2 News. 8.00 Film: The Mummy (1999) A soldier of fortune battles the vengeful spirit of an ancient Egyptian high priest with supernatural powers. Action adventure, with Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz and Arnold Vosloo. Including ITV2 News. 11.25 Film: Hannibal (2001)

ITV3
2.00 Film: Carry On Cowboy (1966) [illegible] Agatha Christie's Marple 6.05 Film: Columbo [illegible] Ashes to Ashes (1998) [illegible] Doc Martin [illegible] A Touch of Frost 11.45 Wycliffe

ITV4
1.00 Live Darts. The European Championship. 5.00 Freddie Flintoff Versus the World [illegible] Minder. Arthur suffers depression. 7.00 Live Darts. The session on day three of the European Championship. 11.00 Film: Red Heat (1988)

BBC THREE
7.00 Top Gear 8.00 Don't Tell the Bride 9.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel 11.00 Family Guy 11.25 American Dad

BBC FOUR
7.00 The Blue Planet [illegible] Coast Talk [illegible] The History of the Horse [illegible] Wallander [illegible] The Great Outdoors 11.00 The Great British Outdoors

E4
2.25 Hollyoaks 5.00 Friends 6.00 One Tree Hill 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 How I Met Your Mother 9.00 Friends 10.00 Film: There's Something About Mary (1998)

FILM4
3.20 The War of the Worlds (1953) 5.00 Dr Dolittle (1998) 6.40 Ever After: A Cinderella Story (1998) 9.00 The Bank Job (2008) 11.10 Carrie (1976)

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Sunday TV

BBC1

[illegible] Breakfast [illegible] The Andrew Marr Show [illegible] Sunday Morning Live [illegible] Country Tracks Weather for the Week Ahead. [illegible] BBC News [illegible] Formula 1: The Hungarian Grand Prix Live. Coverage from the Hungaroring near Budapest (Start-time 1.00pm). [illegible] My Family (R) [illegible] Escape to the Country [illegible] Songs of Praise. [illegible] Horrible Histories with Stephen Fry

[illegible] **BBC News; Regional News; Weather**

[illegible] **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the team return to the Tower Ballroom in Blackpool, where items valued include a pair of duelling pistols and the original teddy from Watch with Mother. (R)

[illegible] **Countryfile.** John Craven investigates the history of the Llyn Peninsula in North Wales, and Helen Skelton visits the nearby Bardsey Island – said to be the burial place of 20,000 saints.

[illegible] **Inspector George Gently.** The detectives investigate the death of a left-wing academic following a nuclear disarmament rally – and find themselves in the midst of a wave of social and sexual rebellion. (R)

[illegible] **BBC News; Regional News; Weather**

[illegible] **[illegible].** Jason and his friends rally round to keep the factory open.

[illegible] **Regional Programmes.**

[illegible] Sign Zone: The Street That Cut Everything. (R) [illegible] Holby City (R) [illegible] Antiques Road Trip (R) [illegible] BBC News

BBC2

[illegible] CBeebies. [illegible] CBBC. [illegible] Something for the Weekend [illegible] EastEnders Omnibus [illegible] Live Golf: The Women's British Open. The fourth and final day from Carnoustie. [illegible] Swimming.

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[illegible] **Live Athletics.** The World Trials and UK Championships.

[illegible] **Top Gear.** Jeremy Clarkson and James May drive to the seaside in electric cars by Nissan and Peugeot and Richard Hammond meets a rally team made up of amputees. Last in the series.

[illegible] **Dragons' Den.** New series. Haulage industry expert Hilary Devey joins the Dragons to evaluate pitches including a novel massage service, a unique use for a plastic egg and an explosive circus act.

[illegible] **Grumpy Guide to Food.** Famous faces share their least-favourite things about modern cuisine.

[illegible] **FILM: What Just Happened?** (2007) Premiere. Comedy drama, starring Robert De Niro and Catherine Keener.

[illegible] Film: Trees Lounge. (1996) Black comedy, starring Steve Buscemi. [illegible] BBC News. [illegible] The Super League Show. [illegible] Close.

ITV1

[illegible] CITV: Mini CITV. [illegible] CITV. [illegible] May the Best House Win. (R) [illegible] Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) [illegible] 60 Minute Makeover. (R) [illegible] This Morning Sunday. [illegible] Dinner Date. (R) [illegible] ITV News; Weather. [illegible] Survival: Tales from the Wild. [illegible] Inspector Morse. (R) [illegible] Midsomer Murders. (R)

[illegible] **Regional Programmes.**

[illegible] **ITV News; Weather.**

[illegible] **The Royal.** Last-ever episode. Dr Ormerod is embroiled in a family's problems. Last in the series.

[illegible] **Born to Shine.** Dublin-born comedian Jason Byrne learns Irish dancing, TV presenter Joe Swash beatboxes and actress Tracy-Ann Oberman sings and plays the guitar. Natasha Kaplinsky hosts.

[illegible] **Law & Order: UK.** Brooks and Devlin try to hunt down two killers who have gone on a shooting rampage through the streets of London.

[illegible] **ITV News and Weather.**

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[illegible] **FILM: The Kingdom.** (2007) Premiere. Thriller, starring Jamie Foxx and Jennifer Garner.

[illegible] The Zone; ITV News Headlines. [illegible] Motorsport UK. [illegible] ITV Nightscreen. [illegible] ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

[illegible] The Treacle People. (R) [illegible] The Hoobs. (R) [illegible] The Hoobs. (R) [illegible] Intelligent Sport UK Challenge. A race across Exmoor National Park. [illegible] World Touring Car Championship. (R) [illegible] Channel 4 Presents – Stephen Miller 2012. (R) [illegible] T4: Friends. (R) [illegible] T4: Friends. (R) [illegible] T4: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 – T4 Premiere Special. (R) [illegible] T4: Hollyoaks. [illegible] T4: Ibiza Rocks. [illegible] T4: T4 on the Beach: Buried Treasures. [illegible] T4: The Simpsons. (R) [illegible] T4: The Simpsons. (R) [illegible] Undercover Boss. (R) [illegible] Help! My House Is Falling Down. (R) [illegible] Channel 4 Presents – Ellie Simmonds 2012. (R) [illegible] Film: The Spiderwick Chronicles. (2008)

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[illegible] **Channel 4 News.**

[illegible] **[illegible].**

[illegible] **A Place in the Sun: Home or Away.**

[illegible] **Holiday Hijack?** How tourism is damaging the environment in the Maldives.

[illegible] **FILM: Juno.** (2007) Comedy, starring Ellen Page, Michael Cera, Jennifer Garner and Jason Bateman.

[illegible] **FILM: Under Siege.** (1992) Action adventure, starring Steven Seagal and Tommy Lee Jones.

[illegible] Stand Up for the Week. (R) [illegible] Film: The Pawnbroker. (1965) Drama, starring Rod Steiger. [illegible] The Crucified Soldier. (R) [illegible] Hill Street Blues. (R) [illegible] One Tree Hill. (R)

Channel 5

[illegible] Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. [illegible] Roary the Racing Car. (R) [illegible] Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) [illegible] Fireman Sam. (R) [illegible] Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) [illegible] Elmo's World. (R) [illegible] Rhubarb and Custard Too. (R) [illegible] The Save-Ums! (R) [illegible] Noddy in Toyland. (R) [illegible] Hana's Helpline. (R) [illegible] Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) [illegible] Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) [illegible] Little Princess. (R) [illegible] The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) [illegible] Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) [illegible] Rupert Bear. (R) [illegible] Olivia. (R) [illegible] The Mr Men Show. (R) [illegible] Milkshake! Monkey. (R) [illegible] The Milkshake! Show. (R) [illegible] How Do They Do It? (R) [illegible] Police Interceptors. (R) [illegible] One Year To Go: Building Stratford. The construction of the 2012 Olympic Park. (R) [illegible] Film: Beyond the Poseidon Adventure. (1979) Disaster movie sequel, starring Michael Caine and Telly Savalas. [illegible] Film: The Last Starfighter. (1984) Sci-fi adventure, starring Lance Guest. [illegible] Film: The Karate Kid Part II. (1986) Martial arts sequel, starring Ralph Macchio and Pat Morita.

[illegible] **5 News.**

[illegible] **Cricket.** England v India.

[illegible] **New Cowboy Builders.** (R)

[illegible] **FILM: XXX.** (2002) Action adventure, starring Vin Diesel.

[illegible] **FILM: Linewatch.** (2008) Premiere. Crime drama, starring Cuba Gooding Jr and Sharon Leal.

[illegible] SuperCasino. [illegible] The Family Recipe. (R) [illegible] Great Artists. (R) [illegible] Divine Designs. (R) [illegible] Hana's Helpline. (R) [illegible] The Milkshake! Show. (R) [illegible] Thomas & Friends. (R) [illegible] Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2

2.10 America's Got Talent 5.00 The Planet's Funniest Animals 5.30 71 Degrees North 6.30 Film: The Mummy Returns (2001) 9.00 Peter Andre: Here 2 Help. The singer and his team visit Southampton to meet 18-year-old Jodie Lowers, who has asked for his help in bringing her family closer together in the wake of her father's death. 10.00 Film: Ocean's Thirteen (2007). Comedy crime caper sequel, with George Clooney.

ITV4

2.15 Goodbye Mr Chips 4.15 Film: Carry On Jack (1963) 6.10 Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) 7.55 The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes 9.00 Film: Murder in the First (1995) 11.30 Film: Amazing Grace (2006)

ITV4

1.00 Live Darts. The European Championship quarter-finals. 5.00 Minder 6.00 Tommy Cooper 7.00 Live Darts. The European Championship semi-finals and final. 11.00 Film: First Blood (1982)

BBC THREE

7.00 Formula 1: The Hungarian Grand Prix Highlights 8.00 The World's Strictest Parents 9.00 White Van Man 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 American Dad 11.30 World's Craziest Fools

BBC FOUR

7.00 Sahara with Michael Palin 8.00 Film: The Prince and the Showgirl (1957) 10.00 Film: Let's Talk about the Rain (2008) 11.35 The Fatigan Enigma by Benedict Cumberbatch

E4

3.55 Film: Romancing the Stone (1984) 6.00 Friends 7.00 Smallville 8.00 Friends 9.00 Rude Tube: Heroes and Villains 10.00 Film: Scary Movie (2000) 11.55 The Big Bang Theory

FILM4

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.45 Film: Whistle Down the Wind. (1961) Drama, starring Alan Bates and Hayley Mills. 1.15 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 2.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.00 Weakest Link. (R) 3.45 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Celebrity Eggheads. (R) 7.00 Victorian Pharmacy. 7.30 Wonderstuff. 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 Antiques Master. 9.00 My Life as a Turkey: Natural World Special. 10.00 Mock the Week. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Torchwood: Miracle Day. (R) 12.15 The Tudors. (R) 1.05 BBC News. 3.00 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Auction Party. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.58 Regional Weather. 4.00 Rosemary & Thyme. (R) 5.00 The Chase. (R) 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Countrywise Kitchen. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Show Me the Funny. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Out of Sight. (1998) Romantic crime drama, with George Clooney. 12.45 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.50 Nightwatch with Steve Scott. (R) 3.40 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.00 The Hoobs. (R) 6.25 Freshly Squeezed. 6.50 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.20 According to Jim. 7.45 T4: Friends. (R) 8.15 T4: Friends. (R) 8.45 T4: 90210. 9.40 T4: N-Dubz' Postcard from T4 On the Beach. 9.55 T4: Made in Chelsea. 11.00 T4: Friends. (R) 11.30 T4: Friends. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 1.05 Film: Gentlemen Prefer Blondes. (1953) Musical comedy, starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell. 2.55 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 3.25 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 4.00 Deal or No Deal: Hall of Fame. (R) 5.00 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 5.30 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Channel 4 Presents – Mandip Sehmi 2012. 8.00 The Secret Life of Buildings. 9.00 Embarrassing Fat Bodies – Back to the Clinic. 10.00 Sirens. 11.05 Coming Up: Food. 11.35 4thoughtstv. (R) 11.40 Chris Moyles' Quiz Night. (R) 12.30 Music on 4: Exit Festival. 1.15 Film: Infernal Affairs 3. (2003) 3.15 Hill Street Blues. (R) 4.05 One Tree Hill. (R) 4.55 Cookery School. (R) 5.50 The Treacle People. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 The Wright Stuff Extra with Gabby Logan. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 1.15 Monkey Life. (R) 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: NY. (R) 3.15 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 3.20 Film: McBride: Fallen Idol. (2005) Mystery, starring John Larroquette. 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Meerkat Manor. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 6.55 5 News at 7. 7.00 Cricket; 5 News Update. 8.00 Police Interceptors; 5 News at 9. 9.00 Film: The Ninth Gate. (1999) 11.45 Film: Frankenstein. (2004) 1.25 SuperCasino. 4.05 The Family Recipe. (R) 4.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) 4.55 County Secrets. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

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BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Heir Hunters. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Cowboy Trap. (R) 11.45 Saints and Scroungers; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Only Fools and Horses. (R) 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Holby City. 9.00 DIY SOS: The Big Build. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather; National Lottery Update. 10.35 An Abuse of Trust. 11.05 Imagine: Being a Concert Pianist; Weatherview. 12.10 Sign Zone: Coast. (R) 1.10 Fake Britain. (R) 1.55 Saints and Scroungers. (R) 2.25 An Island Parish. (R) 2.55 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 3.40 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.45 Film: Dead Reckoning. (1947) Film noir murder mystery, starring Humphrey Bogart. 1.15 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 2.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.00 Weakest Link. (R) 3.45 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Celebrity Eggheads. (R) 7.00 Dragons' Den. (R) 8.00 Restoration Home. 9.00 The Hour. 10.00 Twenty Twelve. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Town with Nicholas Crane. (R) 12.20 The Tudors. (R) 1.10 BBC News. 3.00 Close.

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Channel 4 6.00 The Hoobs. (R) 6.25 Freshly Squeezed. 6.50 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.20 According to Jim. 7.45 T4: Friends. (R) 8.15 T4: Friends. (R) 8.45 T4: 90210. 9.40 T4: Alexis Jordan's Postcard from T4 on the Beach. 10.00 T4: Made in Chelsea. 11.00 T4: Friends. (R) 11.30 T4: Friends. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 1.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.15 Film: Carry On Abroad. (1972) Comedy, starring Sid James. 2.55 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 3.25 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 4.00 Deal or No Deal: Hall of Fame. (R) 5.00 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 5.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Channel 4 Presents – Hannah Cockroft 2012. A friend of the Paralympic athlete provides an insight into her character. 8.00 The Sex Education Show. 9.00 Undercover Boss. 10.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. 11.05 4thoughtstv. (R) 11.10 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) 12.15 European Poker Tour. 1.10 Beach Volleyball. 2.05 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 2.30 FIM Superbike World Championship. 3.00 The Grid. (R) 3.30 Intelligent Sport UK Challenge. (R) 3.55 Grudge Match. (R) 4.10 Scrapheap Challenge. (R) 5.05 Cookery School. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: Road to Rio. (1947) Comedy, starring Bob Hope and Bing Crosby. 1.15 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 2.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.00 Weakest Link. (R) 3.45 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Celebrity Eggheads. (R) 7.00 Rick Stein's Spain. (R) 8.00 Top Gear. (R) 9.00 The Code. 10.00 QI. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Fake or Fortune? (R) 12.20 The Tudors. (R) 1.10 BBC News. 4.05 Close.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Coast. (R) 11.50 Film: Hot Enough for June. (1964) Spy spoof, starring Dirk Bogarde. 1.15 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 2.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.00 Weakest Link. (R) 3.45 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Celebrity Eggheads. (R) 7.00 Madagascar. (R) 8.00 Rick Stein's Spain. 9.00 Town with Nicholas Crane. 10.00 Have I Got Old News for You. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 The Hour. (R) 12.20 The Tudors. (R) 1.10 BBC News.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Coast. (R) 11.50 Film: The Story of an African Farm. (2004) 1.15 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 2.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.00 Weakest Link. (R) 3.45 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Escape to the Country. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Live Athletics: The London Grand Prix. 8.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.00 The Rob Brydon Show. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.05 Film: Lymelife. (2008) 12.35 Film: Wilbur (Wants to Kill Himself). (2003) 2.15 BBC News. 4.10 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Auction Party. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.58 Regional Weather. 4.00 Rosemary & Thyme. (R) 5.00 The Chase. (R) 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Someone's Daughter, Someone's Son. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Mad Max 2. (1981) 12.20 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.25 Film: The Skeleton Key. (2005) Horror, starring Kate Hudson. 4.05 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.00 The Hoobs. (R) 6.25 Freshly Squeezed. 6.50 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.20 According to Jim. 7.45 T4: Friends. (R) 8.15 T4: Friends. (R) 8.45 T4: 90210. 9.40 T4: The Hoff's Postcard from T4 on the Beach. 10.00 T4: Made in Chelsea. 11.00 T4: Friends. (R) 11.30 T4: Friends. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 1.05 Film: Yangtse Incident. (1957) Fact-based naval adventure, starring Richard Todd. 2.55 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 3.25 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 4.00 Deal or No Deal: Hall of Fame. (R) 5.00 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 5.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.30 Channel 4 Presents – Joe Cundy 2012. 7.35 Superheroes of Suburbia. 8.00 Come Dine with Me. 9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats. 9.30 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. 10.35 Chris Moyles' Quiz Night. 11.25 4thoughtstv. (R) 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. 12.00 Sirens. (R) 1.05 Music on 4: 4Play: Blood Orange. 1.15 Music on 4: Abbey Road Debuts. (R) 1.30 My Name Is Earl. (R) 2.20 The Real Housewives of New Jersey. (R) 3.10 Brothers & Sisters. (R) 4.00 Hill Street Blues. (R) 4.50 Vogue's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.00 Ugly Betty. (R) 5.15 Cookery School. (R) 5.45 Yo Gabba Gabba! (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 The Wright Stuff Extra with Gabby Logan. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 1.10 Meerkat Manor. (R) 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: NY. (R) 3.10 Film: Stolen Innocence. (2007) 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Meerkat Manor. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.30 How Do They Do It?; (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 Danger: Diggers at Work; 5 News at 9. 9.00 Castle. 10.00 The Mentalist. (R) 10.55 CSI: Miami. (R) 11.55 Inside Hollywood. (R) 12.10 SuperCasino. 4.05 Motorsport Mundial. 4.30 Great Scientists. (R) 4.55 County Secrets. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

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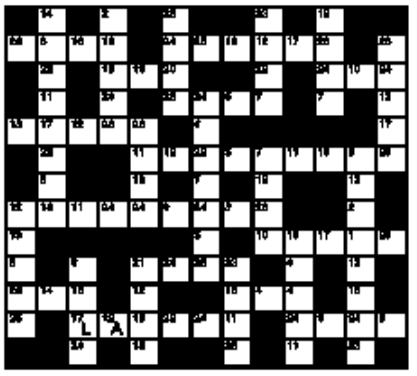

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION.

1 R	2 L	3 I	4 Y	5 K	6 Z	7 J	8 M	9 H	10 O	11 C	12 X	13 Q	
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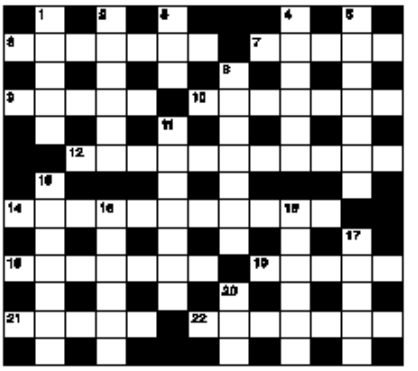
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. Is this what the mathematician is using dividers for? (7)
7. Fuel taken aboard, we hear, at the end of the Panama Canal (5)
9. A shelf for the unfinished account book (5)
10. A good one will choose his coats carefully (7)
12. How people moved by "The Tempest" feel? (5,6)
14. Presumably they are appreciative of services rendered (6,5)
18. Do the conventional thing and study how the horses run (7)
19. Machinery for the hockey is a put up job (5)
21. Stop in the place, as expected (5)
22. 30 n. & 40 n. How kangaroos make progress (2,5,3,6)

Down

1 & 20 n. A manufacturer of revolution-any devices (11)
2. See 1 Down.
3. See 22 Across
4. See 22 Across
5. Held up by a gun man – but insured! (7)
8. Contentious party demanding loud, dramatic movement (7)
11. There's a powerful drawback to this sport (7)
13. This can be proved by those people holding rare male stoat (7)
15. Don't accept what has been discarded (6)
16. This will even out the wave (6)
17. Turns up the cut flings (5)
20. A bit of poor, yellow grass (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

6. Gather (7)
7. Ghastly (5)
9. Chief (5)
10. Uprightness (7)
12. Wasteful (11)
14. Unravel (11)
18. Childish (7)
19. Live (5)
21. Beast (5)
22. Pluck (7)

Down

1. Cache (5)
2. Culmination (6)
3. Pertain (3)
4. Prudence (6)
5. Remark (7)
8. Balk (7)
11. Fragile (7)
13. Nominal (7)
15. Mission (6)
16. Indulgence in costly pleasures (6)
17. Custom (5)
20. Base (3)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS.

CRYPTIC - Across. 1 Succession, 7 Lure, 8 Parade, 10 Drawing, 11 Vase, 13 Pegged, 15 Motive, 17 Toll, 18 Stupefy, 21 Decline, 22 Prime, 23 Advantage. Down. 1 Swine, 2 Children, 3 Error, 4 Sort, 5 Vandal, 6 Capital, 9 Stupendous, 12 Remorse, 14 Delirium, 16 Stream, 19 Arise, 20 Fire. QUICK - Across. 1 Studwall, 7 Agree, 8 Mobile, 10 Upward, 11 Solo, 13 Outary, 15 Ordeal, 17 Pillow, 18 Pull stop, 21 Affirm, 22 Iron, 23 Playwright. Down. 1 Stop, 2 Overture, 3 Nirvana, 4 Toll, 5 Lisarow, 6 Collarbone, 9 Speedboat, 12 Chilling, 14 Tendril, 16 Motive, 19 Tank, 20 Gray.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

		7		9		8		
2			8		1		6	4
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	8		5	2	3	4		
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1	4		7		8		9	5
		6		3		1		

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS :-

2	8	4	7	3	1	6	9	5
1	7	9	6	5	8	4	2	3
3	6	5	4	9	2	7	1	8
4	1	3	8	6	7	9	5	2
7	9	2	3	1	5	8	6	4
6	5	8	9	2	4	3	7	1
9	4	6	2	7	3	1	8	5
5	2	1	1	8	9	5	4	7
8	3	7	5	4	6	2	3	9

Circlegram

Replace the question marks with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question marks?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION. The letter represented by the question marks is O. Solitaire, Crawford, Courtfield, all respectively.

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The house, at 14 Wakeman Drive, Tividale, Oldbury, has two reception rooms, modern fitted kitchen, utility room, guest WC, en suite to master bedroom and family bathroom, and comes with central heating and double glazing.

The property is approached via a front driveway leading to the front entrance door with side garage and lawned area with bushes.

The entrance hallway has doors leading off to all reception rooms, fitted kitchen and with stairs to the first floor landing.

Measures

The lounge is 16ft 3in by 10ft 5in and has French doors leading to the dining room, which measures 10ft 1in by 8ft 10in and has French doors to the rear garden.

The fitted kitchen – 12ft 7in by 9ft 9in – has matching wall and base units, roll top work surfaces, space for utilities, gas hob with oven below and extractor fan above.

On the ground floor there is also a utility room and guest WC, while on the first floor are four bedrooms, with bedroom one measuring 1ft 3in by 15ft 2in and having an en suite with shower cubicle, low level WC and wash hand basin.

The family bathroom has a white suite comprising low level WC, panel bath with electric shower above and hand wash basin.

The rear garden is mainly laid to lawn, with patio and decking areas, shrubs and bushes, fencing and brick-built wall to its perimeters.

Contact estate agent Bairstow Eves on 0121 422 0090 for details.

Number 14 Wakeman Drive, situated in Tividale, is a four-bed detached on a corner plot with many quality features, including an en suite bathroom

Helping to save money

Despite the economic downturn, 89 percent of families would class themselves as happy and 71 percent of the adults polled in recent research described their household as 'completely normal'.

But before you start to worry that you are the only household not playing Happy Families, be assured that the typical local household also admits to a family row at least once a week!

Mary Turner, CEO of AlertMe, says: "At AlertMe we are passionate about helping families to take control and save money, so we carried out this study to know how they were spending it in the first place

"Without a doubt these have been testing times for everyone – especially families and the recession has been a wake-up call, but this study shows that people are really trying to spend within their means.

However in some areas, such as household energy, they don't even have the visibility to help them manage their bills".

The research was carried out by Alert Me, as part of an initiative to recruit a national panel of families that will carry out a series of household money-saving experiments.

The findings will then be shared so other families can review how they might cut down on their household bills. Families interested in registering should visit www.alertme.com/the-panel

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NEW

6 PLOVERDALE CRESCENT £210,000
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- Conservatory, fitted kitchen, utility
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16 HINSFORD CLOSE £209,950
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- A 4 bedroom detached house
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- Re-fitted kitchen, bathroom, en-suite
- Garage with utility area, driveway
- Central heating & double glazing

NEW
NO UPWARD CHAIN

37 DENE AVENUE £209,950
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REDUCED

4 MELLOWDEW ROAD £169,950
WORDSLEY
- Extended 3 bedroom semi detached house
- Spacious lounge/dining area, conservatory
- Re-fitted kitchen, bathroom
- Garage conversion - w.c., utility & store
- Central heating & double glazing

NEW

9 ASHDENE GARDENS £159,950
WORDSLEY
- Extended 3 bedroom semi-detached house
- Lounge, dining room, play room/study
- Ground floor fitted shower room with W.C.
- Re-fitted breakfast kitchen & bathroom
- Utility, central heating, double glazing

109a BRYCE ROAD £120,000
PENSNETT
- 3 bedroom semi with alarm
- Parking at rear, lounge, cloakroom
- Kitchen with integrated appliances
- Bathroom, en-suite shower room
- Central heating, double glazing

80 ENVILLE ROAD £157,500
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111 TUNSTALL ROAD £155,000
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85 FITTON AVENUE £137,950
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- Central heating, double glazing

16 MARLBOROUGH GARDENS £125,950
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3 COPPERBEECH DRIVE OIRO £210,000
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- "L" shaped lounge, dining room
- Re-fitted cloakroom, large conservatory
- Fitted kitchen, bathroom, car port, garage
- Central heating & double glazing

3 KETLEY ROAD £149,500
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- Garage, double width drive
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WORDSLEY
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Available at £120,000

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Available at £100,000

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Lower Gornal **£110,000**

Temple Street

A well presented mid terrace, accommodation comprises two reception rooms, kitchen, first floor landing having two bedrooms and bathroom, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

Lower Gornal **£109,950**

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LOWER GORNAL

Cotwall End Road, Straits

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DUDLEY

Stratford Close, Milking Bank

Signficantly EXTENDED & conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached bungalow enviably situated in favoured district directly overlooking country park. Accommodation includes entrance vestibule, central reception hall, cloaks, two double bedrooms (both with wardrobes), bathroom, updated kitchen with a range of 'maple' effect units & various integrated appliances. Elegant lounge with dining room beyond (patio doors to garden) & a further study. Garage, carport, delightful sheltered well tended rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Price: £189,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

LOWER GORNAL

Cotwall End Road, Straits

Signficantly EXTENDED & conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached bungalow enviably situated in favoured district directly overlooking country park. Accommodation includes entrance vestibule, central reception hall, cloaks, two double bedrooms (both with wardrobes), bathroom, updated kitchen with a range of 'maple' effect units & various integrated appliances. Elegant lounge with dining room beyond (patio doors to garden) & a further study. Garage, carport, delightful sheltered well tended rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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GORNAL WOOD

Eaton Crescent

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Price: £164,950

LOWER GORNAL

Masefield Road, Straits

A conscientiously, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached most conveniently situated in popular district within reasonable walking distance of so many amenities/country park, etc. This fine home includes entrance porch, reception hall, store, breakfast kitchen, 15'8" L-shape lounge/dining room (with patio doors), three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with white suite, garage, good sized well tended/secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Price: £142,950

DUDLEY

Malthouse Drive

A particularly SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed end townhouse (still covered by remainder of NHBC) set in relatively quiet/ convenient 'backwater' & benefitting from NO UPWARD CHAIN. To the ground floor is entrance vestibule, store, third bedroom, fitted cloaks/shower room & a utility room. To the first floor, landing, spacious L-shape lounge/dining room & good sized breakfast kitchen with fine range of units & various integrated appliances. To the second floor, double bedroom 1 with bathroom en suite & double bedroom 2 with shower room en suite. Integral garage, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £142,500

COSELEY

Elmdale Road, Bramford Estate

SIGNFICANT POTENTIAL. A gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler) & double glazed traditional semi detached requiring some sympathetic updating set in popular district. Accommodation includes porch, hall, store, lounge with bay, sitting room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage (recently re-roofed), good sized garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £128,500

KINGSWINFORD

2 Gower Avenue

Enjoying a pleasant corner and cul de sac setting within popular High Acres , this GOOD SIZED MODERN SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW offers a VERY SPACIOUS and WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation which requires some updating and includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: reception hall, large attractive lounge, inner hall, fitted kitchen, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and bathroom. The property is set back beyond the front garden including lawns, DRIVEWAY, CARPORT and to the rear a pleasant and established garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £124,950

KINGSWINFORD

'Meadow View Cottage' Stream Road

Superbly located, just a short distance from the heart of Kingswinford, within this highly sought after address, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, PERIOD SEMI-DETACHED HOME offers a PARTICULARLY GENEROUS LAYOUT of accommodation which is WELL APPOINTED throughout, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, very well proportioned lounge, attractively fitted dining kitchen with integrated appliances, inner hall, utility room, office / study, ground floor w.c, TWO EXCELLENT SIZED FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS and refitted classic white bathroom. Set back beyond a small raised frontage with BLOCK PAVED FORECOURT to the side and enjoying a courtyard style patio and lawn to the rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £124,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

BRIERLEY HILL

Charlton Street

Being suited to the first time buyer is this well presented and improved, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed traditional style two bedroomed semi detached property worthy of internal inspection, comprising: porch, inner hall, lounge, modern kitchen/diner, two bedrooms, modern bathroom, garden to rear, block paved drive to front. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £94,950

DUDLEY

Pebworth Grove

A freehold, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached 'starter home' conveniently situated within reasonable distance of so many amenities & comprising entrance hallway, lounge, transverse kitchen (appliances to remain), two bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, parking to front, delighful well stocked rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £94,950

AMBLECOTE

Bisell Way

Available on a part buy/part rent quarter share basis is this well presented, one bedroomed ground floor flat, ideally places for local amenities comprising: inner porch, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, uPVC windows, economy 7 heating, allocated parking. Ideal first time buy. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £18,950 for a 1/4 share

COSELEY

The Castings

A particularly SPACIOUS, and exceptionally stylish, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home that has been tremendously upgraded in recent months and set in quiet "backwater" upon popular development. The superb accommodation includes; traditional reception hall, 16'8" lounge, dining room, REFITTED KITCHEN with various integrated appliances, laundry, fitted cloakroom. Principal bedroom with shower room en suite, three further generous size bedrooms, reappointed/retiled bathroom with a white suite. Garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £206,950

DUDLEY

Beaumaris Close (Off Richborough Drive)

An exceptionally well presented, tremendously enhanced, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, semi detached that has been the subject of significant expenditure in recent years. Set in a cul-de-sac, the property comprises; entrance hall, refitted kitchen, former garage utilised as a utility room with matching units, transverse lounge/dining room and brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond. Principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite, two further bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with a white suite. Professionally landscaped gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Prices Road

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A delightful, tremendously modernised & enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached cottage presented in exemplary order throughout in quiet 'backwater' within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Outstanding accommodation includes lounge (with living flame feature fireplace), dining room, 13'7" bathroom (separate shower), refitted through kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, vestibule & laundry section. To the first floor are two bedrooms. Extensive block paved parking to front, neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

LOWER GORNAL

Browning Road, Straits

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler) & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached enviably situated within walking distance of so many amenities & comprising enlarged entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, extended 18'5" kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, substantial garage, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £146,950

COSELEY

Dimmocks Avenue

A significantly modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached of character conveniently situated in popular district. In Agents opinion, the property is presented in exemplary order throughout with accommodation including; entrance porch, imposing reception hall (lofty ceiling heights), understairs store, lounge with bay and cast "living flame" feature fireplace, separate dining room (with double French doors out to garden), refitted kitchen with a fine range of "French oak" effect units. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £126,499

COSELEY

Horace Street, Hurst Hill

NO UPWARD CHAIN. An EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached set in a established, convenient district with good distant views from the rear. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, extended kitchen with a fine range of units, living room, three double bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, integral garage. Block paved foregarden & low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,995

DUDLEY

Selborne Road

Overlooking Buffery park, and very rarely available to purchase is this modern two bedroomed townhouse constructed by Selbourne homes and offering contemporary style living comprising: hall, kitchen, guest wc, transverse lounge, two first floor bedrooms, bathroom, boarded loft, garden to rear, burglar alarm, allocated parking, balance of NHBC warranty. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £119,950

DUDLEY

Old Park Road

An attractive, ENLARGED & conscientiously maintaiend, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular district. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, superb 28'6" through lounge/dining room (formerly separate rooms & with two bays), extended 16ft kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, parking to front, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950

RUSSELLS HALL

Ketley Hill Road

A DELIGHTFUL MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is very well located within the very popular Russells Hall development, offering a SPACIOUS and VERY WELL PRESENTED layout of accommodation which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, comprising: entrance porch, full width lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS and refitted bathroom. The property is set back beyond the attractively maintained front gardens and to the rear enjoying a very pleasant enclosed garden with store. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE: 01384 265265

Offers Around £94,950

COSELEY

Horace Street, Hurst Hill

This modern style, Upvc double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, two bedroomed semi detached home is well presented throughout and may particularly appeal to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises; living room, dining kitchen with a fine range of units. Two bedrooms, bathroom. Driveway and a neat rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £83,950

PENSNETT

Rookery Park

Ideally suited to the first time buyer or young family is this traditional style three bedroomed semi detached property which is gas centrally heated and comprises: porch, hall, lounge, three first floor bedrooms, modern shower/wet room, gardens to the front and rear, verandah, driveway, garage, cavity wall insulation. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £79,950

COSELEY

Fountain Lane

A delightful, conscientiously maintained & particularly well presented, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED & uPVC double glazed first floor flat in convenient neighbourhood close to so many amenities. Excellent accommodation includes 18ft reception hall, elegant lounge, refitted kitchen with 'high gloss white' style units, oven, hob & filter, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom. Secluded/fenced allocated garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £68,000

COSELEY

Central Drive

This well presented, gas centrally heated, two bedroom second floor apartment is conveniently situated for local amenities and may particularly appeal to first time buyers. The beautifully appointed accommodation briefly comprises secure communal entrance, hallway, stylish lounge with bay, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, two double bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite and communal gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £64,950

PENSNETT

Birbeck Place

Being ideally suited to the first time buyer or investor, having been completely modernised by the current vendor in recent years is this one bedroomed ground, floor flat which is close to all local amenities and comprises, Hall, Bedroom, Refitted Bathroom, Refitted Kitchen, Large Lounge, Communal Gardens, Parking, Well presented, No Upward Chain BRIERLEY HILL 01384 265265

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£725 pcm
Link Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, WC, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished

WALL HEATH

MILE FLAT
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TITFORD LANE
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Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Allocated Parking, Unfurnished

DUDLEY

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£395 pcm
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STOURBRIDGE

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£570 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, WC, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished

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THE PORTWAY
£380 pcm
First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Partial Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished

STOURBRIDGE

BIRMINGHAM STREET
£650 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Fully Refurbished, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens,

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OAKFIELD AVENUE
£795 pcm
Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Garage & Off Road Parking, Unfurnished

NETHERTON

SIMMS LANE
£525 pcm
End Terrace Property, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heated, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Gardens

RUSSELLS HALL

MARSTON ROAD
£550 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Garage & Off Road Parking, Unfurnished

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LABURNUM ROAD
£425 pcm
Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Partly Furnished, Communal

ROWLEY REGIS

STUART ROAD
£575 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Front & Rear

WORDSLEY

LAWNSWOOD ROAD
£795 pcm
Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Office, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Garage

COSELEY

QUILTER CLOSE
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DUDLEY WOOD ROAD

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NETHERTON

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•Three Bedroom Bay Fronted Semi Detached•Two Reception Rooms•Kitchen•Bathroom Upstairs•Double Glazing Where Stated•Garage•No Chain

£99,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW

DUDLEY

RICHMOND ROAD

•A Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Two Reception Rooms•Kitchen•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Driveway•No Chain

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REDUCED

OAKHAM

OAKHAM AVENUE

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Fitted Kitchen•Conservatory•En-Suite To Bedroom One•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Rear Garden•No Chain

£106,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW

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ANCHOR DRIVE

•Upper Floor Apartment•Two Bedrooms•Lounge•Fitted Kitchen•Bathroom•Electric Heating•Double Glazing Where Stated•Allocated Parking

£69,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW

DUDLEY

MALTHOUSE DRIVE

•A Detached Residence Having Corner Plot•Three Bedrooms•Lounge & Dining Areas•Fitted Kitchen•Bedroom One Having En-Suite•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Rear Garden Having Lawn & Decking•Garage & Drive

£154,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW

STOURBRIDGE

GRAMPIAN ROAD

•Improved Semi Detached Residence•Two Bedrooms•Lounge•Dining Room/Bedroom Three•Kitchen•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Garage•Block Paved Driveway

£144,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW

TIPTON

OLD PORT CLOSE

• 5% Deposit Paid On Asking Price •Two Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Fitted Kitchen•Refitted Bathroom•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Garage•Driveway

£104,995 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW

DUDLEY

REDCROFT ROAD

•Semi Detached Residence•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Kitchen Diner•Utility Room•Ground Floor WC•Double Glazing Where Stated•GCH System•Rear Garden•No Chain

£110,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW

TIVIDALE

REGENT ROAD

•Semi Detached Residence•Three Bedrooms•Lounge & Dining Areas•Kitchen•Refitted Bathroom•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•ReaR gARDEN

£99,950

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NEW

GORNAL WOOD

MAPLE DRIVE

•A Well Presented & Improved Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Through Lounge/Dining Room•Refitted Kitchen Having Integrated Appliances•Rear Garden Having Lawn & Decking•Garage•Driveway To Further Enclosed Driveway

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REDUCED

TIVIDALE

ARUNDEL DRIVE

•Semi Detached•Three Bedrooms•Lounge & Dinng Area•Kitcen•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Rear Garden•Garage

£120,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW

OAKHAM

VIEW DRIVE

•A Four Bedroom Detached•Through Lounge/Dining Room•Breakfast Kitchen•Games Room•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Balcony•Garage

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£525 PCM DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TO LET

DUDLEY

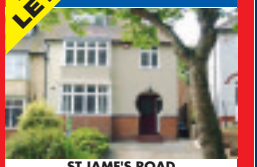
SPRING PARKLANDS

•A Three Bedroom Semi Detached having two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, upstairs having three bedrooms and bathroom. Other features include gas central heating and a garage. ★★DSS ACCEPTED WITH GUARANTOR★★

£575 PCM DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TO LET

DUDLEY



ST.JAME'S ROAD

•A bay fronted four bedroom semi detached having two reception rooms, kitchen, landing four bedrooms and bathroom, other features include gas central heating and driveway

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TO LET

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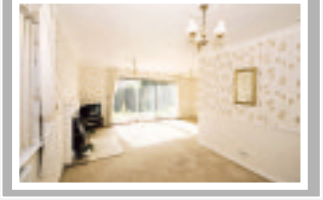

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TIPTON Keyworth Close

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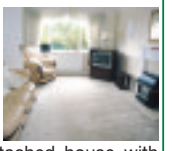
£119,950

Tipton HURSEY DRIVE

NEW INSTRUCTION



A four bedroom detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, dining kitchen, utility, downstairs wc, en-suite to master bedroom, gardens to rear and side, tandem garage and a large driveway to the front.

£180,000.00 o/o

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NEW INSTRUCTION

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OLDBURY Vicarage Street

A three bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, dining kitchen and gardens to front and rear

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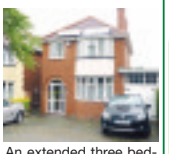
DUDLEY Jews Lane



An extended three bedroom detached house with lounge, dining room, kitchen with further open plan dining area, utility, tandem garage, large driveway and garden to the rear

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NETHERTON Baptist End Road

Four bedroom detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, garage, rear garden, driveway to the front and side and potential for an extension/double garage subject to planning.

£200,000 o/o

COSELEY Penwood Gardens

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SEDGLEY Monument Lane

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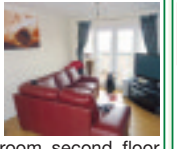
TIVIDALE Timothy Road

A three bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge with dining area, breakfast kitchen, downstairs wc, garage, gardens to front and rear and driveway

£119,950

Tipton BONNEVILLE CLOSE

NEW PRICE



A modern two bedroom second floor apartment. Lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower. Allocated parking, secure entry. Available August 2011, No DSS.

£475 PCM

TIPTON Bonneville Close

NEW INSTRUCTION

A modern, third (top) floor two bed apartment on this popular development. Double glazed and centrally heated. Large lounge with patio windows and juliet balconies at either end, a fitted kitchen and a house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Unfurnished, available now, no pets. Genuine DSS considered with guarantor and deposit.

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TIVIDALE Gilbert Avenue

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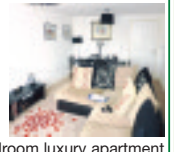

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Vauxhall finds answers to electric range anxiety

By Ian Donaldson

YOU NEED the brainpower of a supercomputer to work out whether an electric car would save you money or really help the planet turn greener.

For starters, they're not cheap and may not even be all that climate friendly to run if the electricity they need comes from a coal-fired power station, belching out carbon dioxide like there's no tomorrow.

Even so, there's a growing market for cars that add a green sheen to the business of motoring, In the right circumstances they might even start to make sense.

Whatever the accountants might say, there's no stopping the car makers in their rush to turn green and the Vauxhall Ampera is simply the latest in a growing line of cars with boosted battery power.

It might, however, be the most sensible one so far. There are basically three ways of giving a car some electrical eco-cred. The obvious one is to replace the petrol or diesel engine with a great big battery and be done with it.

The trouble is that you'll forever be worrying about the car's range. Fear of getting stuck miles from home in the dark, with the battery flat and needing an eight hour charge has helped coin a new motoring term: range anxiety.

The second way to burnish your eco-halo is to go the Toyota Prius route, using a conventional petrol engine most of the time but backed by a biggish battery that helps out when it can. Most of the time you'll be on petrol power, but more than two million owners worldwide have succumbed to the charms of a Prius.

Then there's a third way, as found in the car featured here. The Ampera has a huge battery (actually, lots of smaller packs running safely out of harm's way down the spine of the car) which will take it up to 50 miles on a good day before a modest 1.4 litre petrol engine from an Astra takes over.

That way, says Vauxhall, most Amperas won't ever need to turn their petrol engines on because most of us drive no more than 40 miles a day.

So, no range anxiety (you can fill the Ampera's petrol tank like any other car, after all) and no road tax or congestion charges and a modest five per cent hit on company car tax. Oh, and an electric fill up takes four hours from your home supply and costs about £1.

It even looks like a rather smart conventional car (it's built in the States and sales here are forecast as modest) with a comfy interior, decent boot and nothing apart from its badges to denote you as a green eco warrior.

Push the go-faster pedal to the floor and the Astra-sized Ampera scurries off with just a bit of tyre noise and reaches 30mph as quickly as a hot hatch. It will touch 60mph in around nine seconds (a respectable figure) but is limited to 100mph to save battery power.

Which is another way of saying that slower is much better with the Ampera, if you want to go electric for as long as possible. Driving normally on the press introduction (around a very flat Amsterdam) my car ran out of current at 38 miles and the petrol motor kicked in seamlessly to take over.

An impressive array of instruments keeps the driver informed

An impressive performance, I thought, but you need to read on before placing your order for an Ampera, due here in early 2012.

It might use cheap electricity but the car will cost £28,995 and that's after a £5,000 government grant has been deducted.

There are an awful lot of fine conventionally powered cars available at that price, so you'll need some eco fire in your belly to favour an Ampera.

Longer term, running costs should beat a more ordinary machine and there's an eight year or 100,000 mile warranty on the battery.

And, unlike owners of a purely electrical car, you won't need a second vehicle on standby for longer runs.

Even so, it looks an expensive way to save money.

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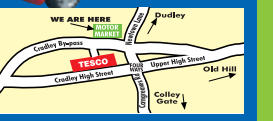

Healthy tyres for happy holidays

Take the 20p tyre test

TYRESAFE is urging motorists to inspect their tyres before heading off on holiday to avoid a tyre-related "wash out".

In pre-holiday checks, drivers should include making sure tyres have adequate tread depth, ensuring tyres are properly inflated for the load being carried (including the spare) and making sure the general condition of the tyres is good.

Drivers failing to make these checks are more likely to be involved in a tyre-related incident, potentially ruining their summer break, warns TyreSafe.

"Whether you're heading overseas in your car, or staying in the UK, correct tyre maintenance is vital to reduce the risk of being stranded by the roadside or involved in an accident as a result of a tyre related issue," says Stuart Jackson, chairman, TyreSafe.

"Pre-travel checks which can prevent such problems are simple to do and only take a few minutes to perform."

As well reducing the chance of an accident, other benefits of correct tyre care include longer tyre life and reduced fuel bills.

Expense

When tyres are under-inflated their rolling resistance increases and more fuel is required. One TyreSafe member estimates that when tyres are under-inflated by just six psi, or around 20 per cent, fuel bills rise by three per cent.

Furthermore, under-inflated tyres cause unnecessary expense for drivers as they wear out much faster and need replacing sooner. When run at 80 per cent of recommended pressure, it is estimated tyre life falls to around 75 per cent. At 60 per cent pressure, tyre life falls to just 35 per cent.

When checking pressures, drivers should ensure tyres are inflated to the correct levels for the load carried. Many vehicles require higher tyre pressures when carrying extra passengers or heavy items such as suitcases, bikes or roof boxes. Correct tyre pressures can be found either in the driver's handbook, inside the fuel filler cap, or on a plate on the driver's door sill. Alternatively, iPhone users can download the free TyreSafe app which gives drivers the correct tyre pressure settings for their vehicle.

As important as tyre pressure is tread depth. As Jackson explains, TyreSafe has devised a simple way for drivers to tell whether their tyres have enough tread.

Adequate

"The British weather is renowned for its unpredictable nature, so tyres need adequate tread depth to be able to cope with wet roads in the event of a sudden downpour. By visiting the TyreSafe website, drivers can see how to take the 20p test to see if their tyres have adequate tread depth to keep them safe and legal," adds Jackson.

For more information visit www.tyresafe.org.

How to check your tyre pressures

1. Check your tyre pressures at least once a month or before a long journey.
2. Pressures should be checked against the manufacturer's recommended level. This can be found in the vehicle handbook and on a plate inside the fuel filler flap or on the driver's door sill.
3. Check the pressure when tyres are cold (i.e. when you have travelled less than two miles).
4. If you are carrying a full load of passengers or luggage or towing a trailer or caravan, tyre pressures should be increased in line with the manufacturer's recommendations. Details can be found in the vehicle handbook.
5. Ensure a reliable and accurate pressure gauge is used.
6. Check the pressure in all four tyres and the spare.
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	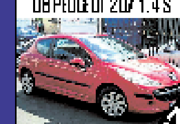		
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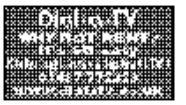

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Wolves' Peter Karlsson on the outside of Joonas Kylmakorpi on Monday night

Lindgren stars but below-par Wolves are out

SPEEDWAY – by Tim Hamblin

WOLVES 45 EASTBOURNE 45 – EASTBOURNE WIN 95-85 ON AGGREGATE

WOLVES star Fredrik Lindgren landed a double whammy in the final heat of an intriguing cup clash at Monmore Green. The Swede pulled off a pulsating last-lap pass on Bjarne Pedersen to preserve his maximum and save his club from defeat on the night.

Lindgren got tremendous drive from a beautiful line out of the fourth corner on the previous lap, maintained the impetus out of the pits turn and then dived underneath his startled rival on the final bend.

It was tough on Pedersen, who had squeezed between Lindgren and Peter Karlsson on the back straight and must have believed the hard work was done.

But despite the heroics of Lindgren, who produces similar brilliance at Monmore Green almost as a matter of course, Wolves made their Knockout Cup exit in a disappointing finale. The 10-point gap from the first leg at Arlington had actually widened by a couple after six races.

Eastbourne, with Lukas Dryml electric from the start and Joonas Kylmakorpi superb everywhere, provided a textbook example of protecting a lead.

Struggling Finn Timo Lahti was the only visiting rider to run a last in the opening half-dozen heats and it was hard to see how Wolves could haul themselves into contention.

They got some impetus when Lewis Bridger got horribly out of shape in heat seven to allow Tyson Burmeister through to join Karlsson at the front.

Poised

Proctor bagged his sole win in the eighth with the persevering Ricky Wells third, and the Aussie combined with the elder Lindgren to eke out another heat advantage in the 10th.

Wolves looked poised for a big finish in the final five races, but it all went wrong in the 12th when Kylmakorpi and Cameron Woodward raced to an untroubled maximum.

And when Kylmakorpi and Pedersen relegated Karlsson to the back in heat 13 the game was all but up.

Tai Woffinden, after two days in bed with an ulcerated tongue, was struggling and fell twice.

His nasty tumble when lying second in the penultmate heat gave Bridger and Woodward a 5-1 and their team the lead on the night – although Fredrik Lindgren had the final word.

● Wolves' management were bent over the contacts book and the calculator today as they looked at possible team changes.

The new greensheet averages governing team strengths came out today and clarifies what moves can be made.

Team manager Peter Adams is conscious that Wolves, with no fewer than eight of their 11 remaining Elite League matches scheduled for August, need to get the best out of their line-up.

"We need to sit down, obviously, and look at what the permutations are," he said.

Cradley favourite Jan O Pedersen (left) and Wolves legend Sam Ermolenko all set before the battle

Local heroes get back in the saddle at Golden Hammer

TRACK legends Jan O Pedersen and Sam Ermolenko were due to go head-to-head at Monmore Green on Tuesday with Midlands bragging rights on the line.

The two former world champions, heroes of Cradley and Wolves respectively, embody the great local speedway rivalry between the two clubs.

Their best-of-three match races were a side attraction of Tuesday evening's Golden Hammer individual meeting.

But for many traditionalists in the crowd, their clash was the main event – particularly with Pedersen, at 48, determined to make a competitive comeback.

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>
> ***Pedersen***

"There has been something missing," admitted the Dane, who retired 19 years ago with a severe back injury.

"As long as I enjoy it, that's the main thing. I'll stop the day I don't enjoy it any more.

"But I'll see how far I can push it, from once in a while to trying to be one of the best again – who knows?

"I'll find whatever level I'm competitive at and I'll probably race there. Whether that's in the third division or you go into the Premiership, whatever you do it is about enjoying yourself.

"It will be one hell of a night. We'll have fun, we'll have to get our confidence back but we're old racers at heart."

Ermolenko anticipates a feast of passing between the two.

"Probably the first time we get on the track we'll go out there, measure each other and see how much of a pace we can go," said the 50-year-old.

"I think by the third time we'll have some good fun. We'll probably be swapping leads every corner, because we understand what we have to do on the race track."

Dudley's hopes of providing the Golden Hammer winner have been dealt a blow by the withdrawal of Kyle Newman.

The 19-year-old has been in blistering form and was paid for 34 points over his two weekend matches for Premier League Newcastle.

But Newman twisted a knee while riding for Elite League Poole in Monday's loss at Coventry – one of three Pirates riders to suffer injury in the match.

He has pulled out of the Hammer and will be replaced by Newport's Jay Herne.

Police pitch in for match against the Lions

A football match has been organised by police officers for teenagers in the Brockmoor and Pensnett areas of Dudley.

PCSOs from the neighbourhood team will be playing a match against a team called the Pensnett Lions which local youngsters from the area set up.

The team players range from 17 to 19 years-old and they will be playing against PCSOs and officers at the Dell Stadium on Sunday between 1pm and 3pm.

PCSO Dan Mroczkowski organiser of the event, said: "The Dell Stadium has suffered criminal damage over recent months, so we decided to put on an event at the stadium so that youngsters can see how beneficial the Dell is to the community.

"It will also give them an opportunity to see what the stadium actually has to offer them, so hopefully the stadium will be appreciated."

The police team will be kitted out with a football strip, which the Dudley Stroke Association has funded.

The Stroke Association has worked with the police over the past year and funded strips for a similar event that took place last year.

PCSO Mroczkowski added: "We are grateful for the free use of the synthetic pitch, which has been supplied by the Dell and look forward to seeing a big turnout next Sunday. We are hoping for local families and youngsters to pop down and show their support."

It's a right royal affair for Edgbaston opening

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The Duke of Edinburgh was in Birmingham to officially open the revamped £32 million Edgbaston Cricket Ground as part of a hat-trick of royal visits to the city.

Prince Philip was at Warwickshire County Cricket Club where he unveiled a plaque to mark the occasion and was given a tour of the new facilities.

The new-look cricket ground has been hailed as one of the best in the country following its revamp and benefits from a new pavilion, new floodlights and changing rooms, a 750-seater banqueting suite and fine-dining restaurant.

Work has taken 18 months to complete and with a capacity of 25,000, Warwickshire County Cricket Club's stadium is now the second biggest in the country – beaten only by Lord's, which can seat 28,000.

Nervous

The Duke arrived at the ground around 11.15am and was greeted by club chairman Norman Gascoigne and chief executive Colin Povey. He then met young members of cricket teams from the region.

Katie Rudd, coach at Walmley Cricket Club under 13s girls team, said: "It is great for the girls to be in this brilliant new stadium.

"They have all been really excited and a little bit nervous but it's a day they will remember for a long time." Player Georgia Davis, aged 12, from Sutton Coldfield added: "I have never met royalty and I think he is very nice. He loves cricket like us."

Mr Gascoigne added: "This is a landmark day for us today. Completion of the redevelopment programme gives us incredible capacity, we're now the largest cricket venue outside of Lord's with world class spectator and media facilities. It's an acknowledgement and a tribute to the quality of cricket in Birmingham and the West Midlands.

"Edgbaston has always had a culture and reputation for fantastic cricket. Now we've gone a step beyond, we have facilities to match our reputation.

"I wrote to the Palace and explained what we are about: the importance of the scheme. We were delighted that he accepted our invitation."

Meanwhile the Duchess of Cornwall was at the Botanical Gardens in Edgbaston to present volunteers from the Wolverhampton Walking for Health scheme with the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, and The Prince of Wales was meeting military and civilian staff at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Prince Philip meets young players at Edgbaston

Prince Philip at the new £32m cricket ground

Karate star Robert Hinton, aged 16, of Kingswinford

Karate star Robert wins first contest

A karate-kicking teenager from Dudley struck gold at his first competition. Robert Hinton, 16, won a gold medal at the Karate World Cup at Birmingham NIA.

He has been going to karate classes at Kingswinford Youth Club for four years. Robert, of Summercourt Square, Kingswinford, said: "It was a great feeling to win."

Triumph as club tastes success

Members of a karate club have high-kicked their way to the top in a national competition.

Dudley Shukokai Karate has scooped 12 gold medals in the Federation of English Karate National Championships.

It is the third year running the group of Thorns Community College in Brierley Hill has finished top of the medals table. At the event in Nottingham members were competing in individual and group tournaments against other clubs.

There are 80 members from age four upwards in the club, which was set up 15 years ago by Mandie Read.

She said: "They had been preparing for almost six months because this is our big annual competition."They have worked so hard and they deserve this success." The club also tasted success last year when seven-year-old Harvey Hawkes – Mrs Read's nephew – won a category at the Feko Children's Karate Championship in Nottingham.

Right, Sam Cooper and Corran Brown with fellow members of Dudley Shukokai Karate, celebrating their triumph at a national competition in Nottingham

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VICTORY AS ROBINS RIP APART THE NEST

WRENS NEST 0 DUDLEY TOWN 5

Ben Stretton was the star of the show as his hat-trick went to earn Dudley a comfortable 5-0 friendly victory over Division Two side Wrens Nest at Coseley School.

Still with issues over holidays and work commitments new Robins manager Andy Burgess felt the loss of Anthony Cox, Dreniz Bala and the recently signed Ian Watkin although more pressing was the unavailability of goalkeepers Luke

Cunningham and Matt Rodgers, however aid was at hand with former Halesowen Town shot-stopper Mark Garvey making a cameo appearance between the sticks.

In a curious game played in three 30 minute periods rather than the conventional two lots of 45, both sides looked equally dangerous in the opening exchanges.

It was Ben Store who looked the most threatening of the target men coming close several times following some neat touches on the ball.

Dudley though had to wait until the 20th minute to take the lead when Stretton's first goal came from a powerful shot just outside the area.

Crossbar

Despite falling a goal behind, Wrens Nest continued to hound the Dudley goal and only Mark Garvey was on hand to expertly tip a goal-bound free-kick over the crossbar. Garvey was again called upon to get his fingertips to a shot as the game crept toward its first interval.

The second period proved to be one-way traffic as Dudley's midfield proved too strong for the second division outfit. Being ripped apart the hosts were unable to contain Danny Bell and trialist Todd Hall both of whom along with Alex Perry had chances to double the lead.

Despite their superiority Town had to wait until the 57th minute to extend their advantage as Stretton stole in for his second of the game. And the former Causeway United midfielder completed his treble just three minutes later with a blistering shot that gave the Wrens Nest keeper no chance.

With his side now in a comfortable position, boss Burgess tinkered with his side and this came to fruition on 74 minutes as Dan Smith nailed home a long range drive.

The fifth came with seven minutes remaining when Richard Finch netted his third goal of the pre-season campaign.

Dudley Town: Mark Garvey, Adam Cross, Elliott Symcox, Rob Whitley, Richard Langford, Alex Perry, Harry Williams, Ben Stretton, Nikki Faux, Jermaine McFarlane. **Subs:** Todd Hall, Dan Smith, George Reeves, Danny Bell, Tony Arnold, Shaun Jasper, Wayne Roberts, Lee Blake, Richard Finch.

Double comeback for town

MOSTYN RANGERS 2 DUDLEY TOWN 4

Dudley Town twice came from behind to earn their first pre-season victory against Kidderminster and District League side Mostyn Rangers.

Manager Andy Burgess was able to field a similar starting 11 to that which had kocked offthe 2-2 draw with Trysull on Saturday.

Burgess. though was set back with the unavailability of goalkeepers Matt Rodgers and Luke Cunningham along with last season's supporters' player of the year George Reeves. He was, however, able to include the returning Rob Whitley and Ben Stretton who had both missed the previous weekend's encounter.

The Robins settled into the game quickly and started to force saves out of the impressive Mostyn keeper Tim Willetts from the onset, with Nikki Faux and Ben Store coming the closest to opening the scoring.

But it was the home side that would break the deadlock on the quarter of an hour mark when a Lee Williamson free-kick beat trialist goalkeeper Matt Martin.

The lead wasn't held for long, as straight from the restart, Alex Perry glanced in from the right wing to level proceedings. Dudley again proceded to hound the Mostyn goal but were unable to turn in any chances.

Impressive

Again it was the impressive Lee Williamson who would give his side the lead again on 35 minutes with a fine chip over Martin.

Again though the lead only lasted a short time when Ben Stretton headed home from close range five minutes later.

The second half proved to be one-way traffic as the visiting Robins stamped their authority on the game. It didn't take them long either when former Black Country Rangers striker Nikki Faux tucked the ball home on 46 minutes.

Only Lee and Darren Williamson caused any trouble for Dudley as Mostyn went in search of an equaliser but the trio of Rion Francis-Mills, Harry Williams and Danny Bell kept Tim Willetts busy for much of the second half.

The Dell based club had to wait until the 84th minute to extend the lead after Williams had struck the post with just 15 minutes remaining.

With Francis-Mills having been fouled in the box, Richard Finch saw his penalty saved by Willetts but was on hand to smash home the resulting re-bound for his second goal of the pre-season campaign.

Charity the real winner

DUDLEY TOWN OLD STARS 3
WEST BROMWICH ALBION ALL STAR XI 4

A healthy crowd of 250 generated a £750 donation to Cancer Support at the White House.

They were also treated to an entertaining and competitive game that was eventually won by West Bromwich All Stars XI by the odd goal in seven.

The Albion side boasted a squad that held in excess of 1,500 league appearances and took the lead on 19 minutes as current WBA colts manager Wayne Stuart was able to power a shot past Dudley's James Bent.

The scoreline doubled on 23 minutes when former Baggies and Southampton midfielder Ian Hamilton tucked the ball home. Dudley's frontline of Andy Burgess and Ben Store hassled the Albion defence which was well marshalled by Darryl Burgess, but were unable to find a breakthrough.

Dudley suddenly sprung into life in the second period and former Robins manager Neil Perks halved the deficit with a powerful shot with just a minute of the second half gone. Robinson was again provider on 45 minutes when he set up Chris Howard to pull the home side level.

Despite pressure from the Dudley frontline they were unable to get past Roger Tye in the Albion goal and were duly punished with15 minutes to go when Steve Edwards slotted the ball home.

The game looked over nine-minutes later when a clinical strike from Stuart put the Baggies 4-2 ahead but the Robins made a game of it when a sublime chip from current first team boss Burgess with four minutes remaining found the net.

A grandstand finish ensued and Howard could well have earned Dudley a deserved draw when his shot was fumbled by Tye onto the post.

Footballers celebrate

YOUNG footballers at a Rowley Regis primary school are celebrating their victory in a Sandwell school's sports tournament.

Springfield Primary School's team won in the competition which saw them compete against three other teams in the 20 minute, seven-a-side games.

The tournament at King George Playing Fields, Sandwell Valley, saw some the youngsters compete for the coveted title of Sandwell school's champions.

Brits face US grapplers

Wrestling fans can see British fighters take on American stars at the All Star Superslam in Dudley this autumn. The show will be at Dudley Concert Hall in St James's Road on October 25. Tickets are £12 for adults and £10 for children.

CRICKET

Stour brush rivals aside to march on

STOURBRIDGE 1ST XI 70-1 (20 PTS) BEAT 1ST XI BEWDLEY 69 (0 PTS) BY 10 WICKETS

Stourbridge march on after brushing Bewdley aside with a commanding victory. Bewdley never looked in the game as they were dismissed cheaply after being put in to bat on a green wicket.

Stand-in skipper James Musk and Matt Bradley opened up with the former plagued by wides and no balls; but he soon settled into his rhythm. Bradley claimed two wickets in his eight over spell and Musk added one before the Patel brothers rattled through the middle and lower order.

Kalpesh Patel's exhibition of swing bowling claimed 4-15 and was well supported in the field with some good catching. Mikesh Patel settled for 3-11 as he parachuted in; bamboozling the batsmen. The final wicket fell in the 35th over as Banks made a straight forward catch from the bowling of Kalpesh Patel.

With 45minutes until the tea interval, the Bewdley bowlers started positively. They claimed the wicket of Game cheaply, but never had enough runs to trouble the Stour'. Some agricultural shots from Banks meant the bowling had to change and spin was introduced that allowed the Stourbridge batsmen to make hay. Tea was taken when Stourbridge needed just 30 runs to win, but this didn't stop the aggression as Banks (36*) and Bradley (24*) wrapped up the innings in style, Banks hitting two sixes to claim victory inside 14 overs.

STOURBRIDGE 2NDS 219-5 (20 PTS) BEAT BEWDLEY 218 (6 PTS) BY FIVE WICKETS

Stourbridge invited the hosts to bat and they posted a competitive total. Thea Brookes maintained her good form claiming 5-42 with some sharp turning deliveries. The Bewdley score looked good as some uneven bounce helped the bowlers; Stourbridge batsmen had to work hard for their runs. Wood (53) batted nicely, before Thea joined her brother Jordan at the crease and the pair put on 84 for the fourth wicket. Thea outlasted Jordan (59) and Stourbridge required nine from the last over. She won it in style with two balls remaining ending unbeaten on 38.

CLAVERLEY 159-6 (24 PTS) BEAT STOURBRIDGE 3RD XI 158-9 (4 PTS) BY FOUR WICKETS

Stour won the toss and batted but found themselves struggling before an 80 stand between Tom Game (43*) and Umar Khalid (32) rescued the score to 158-9. The score however wasn't competitive enough, and Claverley battled home in 31 overs.

STOURBRIDGE 4THS XI 106-4 (24 PTS) BEAT CLAVERLEY 105 (1 PT) BY SIX WICKETS

Claverley chose to bat but were rumbled by good bowling from Ryan Willets who claimed figures of 4-14. He was then batting nicely before being run out which could have sparked a collapse, but quality batting by Chris Brown (51*) steadied the ship and saw Stourbridge home with support from the youngsters.

Hosts reclaim top spot after six-wicket triumph

BERKSWELL (24PTS)130-4 BEAT OLD HILL (2PTS)127 BY 6 WKTS

The first XI chose to bat after winning the toss away at title rivals Berkswell.

They lost both openers Danny Cox (2) and Mike Hingley (19) with the score on 26. But worse was to follow when captain Nathan Round was also out lbw without scoring (26-3).

Nitesh Patel (22), Dan Wood (26) and Mark Fisher could only manage to get the score up to 111-9 before a last wicket stand between Fisher (25 n.o.) and Zafran Ali (14) got the total up to 127 all out in the 43rd over.

This total never seemed competitive enough and Berkswell cruised to victory after an early scare when they were 9-2.

Zafran Ali (2-33), Nathan Round (1-18) and a valiant effort by Ed Denham of 17-3-35-1 could not prise the home batsmen out, with the hosts winning in 48.1 overs to regain top spot.

OLD HILL (20PTS) 136-1 BEAT KIDDERMINSTER VICTORIA (1PT) 135 BY 9 WKTS

The 2nd XI game at Haden Hill against Kidderminster got under way in bright but breezy conditions as Old Hill opted to field.

The visitors were reduced to 57-4 before stubborn resistance by Turley (46) and Derick (34) took the score to 124 before Kidderminster lost their last five wickets for just 11 runs to be bowled out for 135 in 35 overs.

Old Hill made a solid start in reply as Joe Thom and Shezad Aslam put together an opening partnership of 89 before Aslam was out for 33. Thom (53*) was joined by Chris Round (33*) and they saw Old Hill home in the 31st over.

OLD HILL (24PTS) 184 BEAT OLD ELIZABETHANS (4PTS) 87 BY 97 RUNS

Having lost the toss the 3rd XI were invited to bat first in their game at Wassell Grove against Old Elizabethans. Old Hill's batsmen got off to a very poor start which just got worse at 47-7. However, a magnificent effort from the lower order of Joel Foster (57), Danny Clayes (43) and Winston Lewis (31), gave the hosts hope as they posted a total of 184 in 44.1 overs, with Adam Hunaban taking 6-38.

Old Elizabethans were reduced to 46-8 before a late rally took their score to 87 all out in the 33rd over. Winston Lewis took 5-24 as Old Hill ran out winners in the 33rd over.

OLD ELIZABETHANS (18PTS) 299-2 DREW WITH OLD HILL (4PTS) 215-9

The 4th XI, having won the toss at Old Elizabethans, invited the hosts to bat.

Richard Price (100*) and Emile Martyr (114*) were both dropped before reaching double figures and Old Elizabethans went on to amass 299-2 off 45 overs.

Ifziaen Khan (58) and Ryan Andrews (33) were the leading Old Hill scorers, but with nine wickets down and 10 overs remaining, Keiron Daniels (29*) helped to claim a creditable draw.

OLD HILL (10PTS) 113-1 BEAT LYE 110 BY 9 WKTS

The Sunday XI hosted Lye in their Border League at Haden Hill. Batting first Lye lost two early wickets and despite a 55-run partnership between Webster (35) and Stanaway (38), Lye were all out for 110 in 25 overs.

Old Hill lost opener Richard Sydenham (1) in the second over but Nigel Davenport (68*.) joined Dan Cox (43*) shared a century stand to see Old Hill home in 17.3 overs.

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Love your bus this summer

There are so many great reasons to travel by bus this summer. Here's just a few;

- Great value day tickets for single travellers and families
- Great value offers on local attractions
- Great convenience – there's a bus stop within 250m of your home
- Great frequency – main bus routes in Birmingham and the Black Country can run up to every 10 minutes

Why not give it a go, leave the car at home and see how much you save on parking!

Finding the right ticket for you

Travelling just in the Black Country? Ask about our Black Country Faresavers!

If you're always on the go, get unlimited travel in and around the West Midlands, Black Country and Coventry, with a wide range of ticket options from National Express West Midlands.

£3.60

West Midlands Daysaver

Buy your Daysaver on board from the driver and get one day's unlimited travel on West Midlands, Black Country and Coventry buses.

£7.80

West Midlands Family Daysaver

Buy your Family Daysaver on board from the driver and get one day's unlimited travel for up to two adults and four children on West Midlands, Black Country and Coventry buses.

£14.50

West Midlands Weekly Travelcard

Our Weekly Travelcard permits you unlimited travel on any of our buses in the West Midlands, Black Country and Coventry. Buy online at nxwestmidlands.co.uk or from your local Travelcard and Information Centre.

£46 by Direct Debit

West Midlands Monthly Travelcard

Our Monthly Travelcard permits you unlimited travel on any of our buses in the West Midlands, Black Country and Coventry. You can set up your direct debit online at nxwestmidlands.co.uk or from your local Travelcard and Information Centre.

To save money and find the right ticket for you, visit us at nxwestmidlands.co.uk for a full range of ticket and Travelcard options. You can also visit your local Travelcard and Information Centre or one of our 200 Travelcard agents in the West Midlands, Black Country and Coventry area.

Our top 5 summer routes

Get out and about in Birmingham on the 126

This is the perfect route into Birmingham. Whether you are looking for a day out with the kids at SEA LIFE or Thinktank, a day of shopping at the Bullring or a summer drink with friends, the 126 will get you there. Service runs every 10 minutes throughout the day.

A trip to the Hawthorns and a visit to the Jewellery Quarter on the 74

Ideal for Baggies fans or those wishing to browse the delights of the Jewellery Quarter, this service heads into Birmingham via West Bromwich and the Soho Road. Service runs every 10 minutes throughout the day.

Take a trip to the Black Country Museum on the 311/313

2 for 1 admission

Serving both Walsall and Wednesbury this route will take you to the Black Country Museum for a great day out.

Merry Hill on the X96

If you need some retail therapy, shop until you drop at Merry Hill. If shopping's not for you, watch a movie at the Odeon or get a bite to eat at one of the many restaurants. Service runs every 20 minutes throughout the day.

Wolverhampton – just a 558 ride away

The 558 is the most frequent service to Wolverhampton city centre leaving Dudley every 10 minutes or less.

Love your theme parks

Enjoy our summer services to Alton Towers and Drayton Manor. Travel direct daily from Birmingham and the Black Country.

We offer travel only or travel and entry packages. Our services to Drayton Manor run daily from Birmingham city centre and services to Alton Towers run from Dudley Bus Station in the Black Country.

Please note seats are subject to availability and pre-booking is strongly recommended to avoid disappointment.

Term Plus Travelcard 5-18 year olds

Coming Soon! Available to buy **online** at nxwestmidlands.co.uk from 6 August 2011.

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Love big savings on big attractions

Enjoy great days out with National Express West Midlands. We've teamed up with the best attractions in Birmingham and the Black Country to give you these great value offers.

To get the offers below you'll need to present your completed voucher together with your valid bus ticket or Travelcard at the attraction. Vouchers are available to download online or from one of our Travelcard and Information Centres.

30% off admission

Cadbury World

www.cadburyworld.co.uk

Getting there:
From Dudley route 126 to Bearwood – 11a to Bournville

Opening times:
Please visit **www.cadburyworld.co.uk** for more details

Free admission for one child

Dudley Zoological Gardens

www.dudleyzoo.org.uk

Getting there:
A short walk from **Dudley Bus Station** or Routes 74, 87, 126, 311 & 313

Opening times:
Every day from **10.00am** Last admission **4.00pm (winter 3.00pm)**

2 for 1 admission

SEA LIFE

www.sealife.co.uk

Getting there:
From Dudley route 126 and 120

Opening times:
Every day from **10.00am**

Conditions apply.

WIN family days out worth £250 each!

WIN family days out

To be in with a chance of winning one of five sets of Family Tickets to Cadbury World, Dudley Zoo, The Black Country Museum, Thinktank and the SEA LIFE Centre, simply complete this voucher and hand it in at your local Travelcard and Information Centre. You will then be entered into our prize draw to win this fantastic prize worth over £250.

Full name:

First line of address:

Postcode: Year of birth:

Please complete your email address if you wish to receive offers and further information from National Express:

Email:

Terms and conditions: No purchase necessary. The completed voucher allows entry into a prize draw to win a family ticket to each of the following attractions; SEA LIFE Centre, Dudley Zoo. The Black Country Living Museum, Cadbury World and Thinktank. Last date for entry is 31 August 2011. Winners will be notified by email no later than Monday 5 September 2011. The prize is non-transferable, there is no cash alternative and is subject to availability. Full terms and conditions can be found either in-store or at nxwestmidlands.co.uk/comps

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30% off admission

thinktank

www.thinktank.ac

Getting there:
From Dudley route 74

Opening times:
Every day from **10.00am**
(excluding 24, 25, 26 & 27 Dec)
Last admission **4.00pm**

2 for 1 admission

The Black Country Living Museum

www.bclm.co.uk

Getting there:
From Dudley routes 311 & 313

Opening times:
March - October Daily 10.00am - 5.00pm
November & December Daily 10.00am - 4.00pm
January & February Wed - Sun 10.00am - 4.00pm

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• Travelcard and Information Centres

Dudley - Bus Station, Fisher Street
Birmingham - Unit 3 Pavilion Central, 38 High Street
Coventry - Poole Meadow Bus Station, Fairfax Street
Solihull - 2 Station Road
Walsall - Walsall Bus Station, St Paul's Square
West Bromwich - West Bromwich Bus Station, St Michaels Street

2 for £10 admission to Banks's Brewery

National Express West Midlands have teamed up with Banks's Park Brewery Visitor Centre to offer you a brewery tour for two people for just £10 when travelling by bus.

Step inside the famous Victorian Park Brewery in Wolverhampton – home to Banks's since 1875. Discover the 100% natural ingredients that make Banks's cask ales and learn about the brewing process from mashing to fermentation. Complete your tour by sampling some of their delicious cask ales and pay a visit to the brewery shop to take the fresh taste home with you.

Shop opening times:
Mon-Fri 10.00am-5.00pm, Sat 9.30am-12 noon.
Tours must be pre-booked.
Visit www.bankssbeer.com
or call 01902 329653 for more details.

2 for £10 admission to Banks's Brewery

To take advantage of this offer you'll need to present this completed voucher together with your valid bus ticket or Travelcard at the Visitor Centre.

Full name:

First line of address:

Postcode: Year of birth:

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Email:

Terms and Conditions: Up to two persons allowed per voucher to Banks's Brewery. You must produce the appropriate number of National Express bus ticket or Travelcards. Acceptance of the voucher is strictly subject to the establishment's own terms and conditions and deemed accepted on admission. Offer valid until 30 September 2011. Offers may be withdrawn or subject to change without notice. Exchange or sale of the vouchers is prohibited. Photocopies are not accepted. Amended or defaced vouchers will not be accepted. Visitors are asked to wear suitable clothing and footwear. Limited access means the tour is not suitable for all. Full terms and conditions can be found either in-store or at nxwestmidlands.co.uk/comps

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SEA LIFE Centre

The Light House

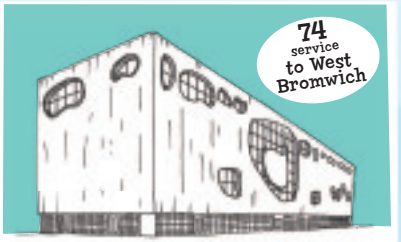
Merry Hill

Thinktank

Alton Towers

Molineux

Sandwell Valley Park



The Public

Black Country Museum

Glass Cone

Bullring

Grand Theatre

Where will your bus take you?

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